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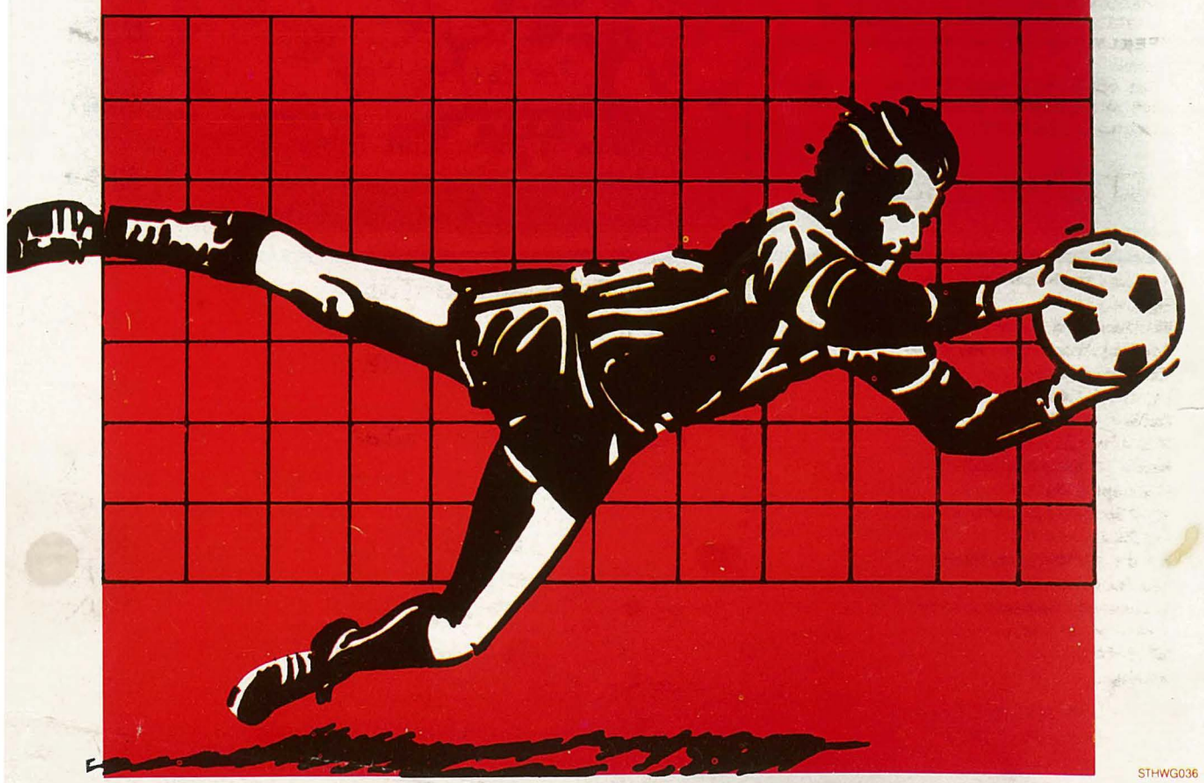

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UNQUESTIONABLY the resurgence of the West End National League and the big and largely domestic program of the Winfield Socceroos will lead to a magnificent season of Soccer.

Australia depends upon its major club competitions as it stands the National League provides the basis for the national team.

The Bicentennial Gold Cup has the potential to be Australia's greatest ever Soccer tournament.

The Olympic Games series is also of tremendous importance.

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SOCCEROOS ON THE HOP

by Frank Coletta

YET again the Australian Winfield Socceroos found themselves with a hefty schedule before them. If anything 1987 proved somewhat more hectic than any recent season, with clashes against Everton and New Zealand, the President's Cup tournament in South Korea and first Olympic qualifier. Not surprisingly then, the redeveloping Socceroos came out of it all with somewhat of a mixed record . . .

A win, no matter how it is obtained, against he English First Division champions is a great achievement.

And Australia kicked off their 1987 campaign with a penalty shootout win over Everton in Melbourne.

Beforehand Socceroo coach Frank Arok made t patently clear — the Merseysiders possessed he better players and confessed that his boys had a difficult task ahead.

So, stringing five across the back, the Socceroos gave the Blues little chance in attack. Flashy skills and intuitive teamwork have rarely won games for Australia against classy opposition.

Rather a combination of aggression and discipline has led to green and gold successes.

Australia held Everton at bay and maintained a respectable 0-0 scoreline at the break, making the 18,000 at Olympic Park a little restless.

When the match resumed, Oscar Crino was on in place of Peter Raskopoulos and proceeded to take on the class of Everton's midfield with some of his own magic.

Arok had clearly wanted his midfield freed and the introduction of Crino confirmed his commitment to attack.

Robbie Dunn headed Australia into the lead, which had the English champions hitting back with increased vigour.

Everton duly equalised. An electrifying burst by Trevor Steven took him past Wally Savor and his low, hard cross was rammed in by Adrian Heath.

The penalties after extra-time put untold pressure on the Aussie side in front of the home crowd, but Crino was wonderfully cheeky with his dummy which sent Everton keeper Bobby Mimms the wrong way.

From that triumph it was on to South Korea, where Australia faced Morocco in the opening President's Cup group match.

The Moroccans, it should be noted, were the surprise packet of the 1986 World Cup finals. They topped their group there, with performances that included goalless draws against both Poland and England and a resounding 3-1 win over Portugal. West Germany knocked the Africans out in extra-time of their second round match.

Australia took the big clash 1-0. Ten minutes into the second half, it was Frank Farina on the spot after the Moroccan keeper had blocked a shot by Graham Arnold.

Next up were a Chilean Second Division XI, who were tossed 2-0 by the Socceroos.

The scoreline might indicate a comfortable victory, but not so. Jeff Olver was called on often to deny the Chilean side. It took 73 minutes for the opening goal and it came from Gary McDowall, with the second from Arnold as he sent a fierce diving header in off the crossbar.

Australia retained their unbeaten record as they accounted for Irish League and Cup champions Shamrock Rovers 1-0. From the outset Arok's side had full control and scored the winner only ten minutes into the game, when again Arnold's blocked shot fell at the feet of Farina and he netted easily.

Australia's JEFF OLVER clears v Everton.

Korea B were then thrashed 5-0 as Australia continued their impressive run. Goals came from Farina (2), Arnold and Crino, with Charlie Yankos putting away a penalty. The Koreans were also awarded a penalty but were denied by the brilliant Olver.

Crino's goal was the pick of the bunch. He lined up a 20 metre free-kick and curled it into the top right hand corner.

The unbeaten run continued in the final first round match against Dutch side Fortuna Sittard. However the 1-1 draw showed up some flaws in the Australian make-up as Alan Hunter nodded in a corner to nullify the early effort by Sittard.

Egypt clearly outclassed a lacklustre and fatigued Socceroo side in their semi-final in the Seoul Olympic Stadium.

The scores stayed at 0-0 after extra-time with the Egyptians well on top. All credit to the Australians as they took another penalty shootout, 4-3 this time as Olver covered himself in glory again.

So to the final, where it is sad to say, Australia were once again comprehensively outplayed. After creating umpteen scoring opportunites, Korea A finally put one away but the true fighting spirit of the Socceroos came to the fore after that.

Graham Arnold raced after a long ball down the middle and beat both keeper and defender to score.

Extra-time and penalties again. Australia's luck in the lottery penalty shootout had run out. Whilst Crino, Yankos, Dunn and Alan Davidson scored, Farina and Raskopoulos missed and the Koreans took the Cup 5-4.

It was a gallant display by the Socceroos, to let alone make the final was a grand achievement. Unfortunately the lack of technical skill was evident in the final two matches.

The Australians then returned home to prepare for the Winfield Trans-Tasman Trophy matches with New Zealand in September.

The All White gave a portent for things to come at Melbourne's Olympic Park, as they held the home side to a 1-1 draw. But better was to come for the Kiwis in Auckland. In heavy and wet conditions, New Zealand simply adapted better than the Australians and took the trophy 2-1 on aggregate as Fred de Jong headed in a cross from the wing, through the hands of Jeff Olver for a 1-0 victory.

Frank Arok did not achieve his primary objective of a two or three goal advantage in Melbourne to convey to Wellington.

There was no doubt that Australia's more effervescent style became bogged down in the adverse weather conditions that applied in both cities.

From here on the objective is to cut a swathe into the 1988 Olympic Games finals, hardly an easy task.

The Olympic campaign will have to carry on without expatriates Eddie Krncevic, David Mitchell, Jim Patikas and Chris Kalantzis and the likelihood of no Frank Farina also.

This brings us to the disturbing mass player exodus from our shores. Of the nine; Craig Johnston, Tony Dorigo, Andrew Bernal, Scott Playle, Robert Runje, Krncevic, Mitchell, Patikas and Kalantzis, only one — Mitchell has been able to leave his European club for duty with Australia, that being during the 1985 World Cup qualifiers.

Now Farina is being joined by youth Socceroo internationals Alistair Edwards and Craig Foster in Europe. The latter two have joined Scotland's premier club — Glasgow Rangers (where Playle is currently apprenticed) on 18 month contracts.

The fact that our most celebrated individual, 23-year-old Socceroo spearhead Frank Farina, may join Dutch club Roda should send a certain amount of fear through our national Soccer ranks.

The depressing fact of this player exodus to the rich and famous overseas, is that none of the established European-based players will be available to play for Australia in any meaningful contest.

Chances of Krncevic, Mitchell, Patikas and Kalantzis (should he make it at Panathinaikos) being here for the Olympic qualifiers in March or the finals in September for that matter, when the European league season is in full swing, are relatively remote.

As it is, Craig Johnston and Tony Dorigo are lost treasures. So is Tommy Caton, currently playing for Oxford in England. He had national ties 'down under' but relinquished them, as the other two have already changed national allegiances.

The question remains, who will be next?

Surely our leading National Soccer League teams must try fulltime professionalism, even if tentatively for a start.

Why was Farina going to a mid-table club in Holland? Even more pertinent, why did the classy Oscar Crino go to a Soccer backwater like Cyprus two years ago?

In Australia, there are some top players who earn between $30,000 and $50,000 a season. Is this not enough reason to make the up-and-comers train at least twice a day and live like professionals?

More importantly, let's endeavour to keep them from going abroad to ordinary clubs, where they are wooed, not by the money, but by the experience of being serious footballers. They should be given the same opportunities here, at home, in Australia.

WINFIELD SOCCEROOS TO SHINE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE Bicentennial Gold Cup has the distinct potential to provide Australia's greatest ever home Soccer event, and in addition there are the Olympic Games qualifying matches.

Added together, and with the initial draw out for the 1990 World Cup in Italy, Australia's Soccer fans could be facing the feast of their lifetimes.

Tremendous effort has gone into setting up the Bicentennial Gold Cup, featuring World Cup holders Argentina, the inimitable Brazilians and strong Asian nation Saudi Arabia.

The Australian Soccer Federation, through chairman Sir Arthur George, has been negotiating with Argentine FA president Julio Grondona to ensure that their world superstar Maradona is on the job.

Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra are the chosen centres.

Dates for the matches are: July 6: Adelaide. July 7: Melbourne. July 9: Sydney. July 10: Melbourne. July 13: Melbourne. July 14: Sydney. July 16: Canberra. July 17: Sydney.

Widespread overseas television cover and appropriate signage rights have been negotiated.

The quality of the opposition is mind-boggling.

Never before has Australia seen a reigning World Cup holder in action on its shores.

It could be said that the Tall Ships and First Fleet almost pale into insignificance.

Australian Soccer so badly needs a strong, well-conducted tournament of this nature which could break through to touch everyone connected with the code and leave those outside it gasping in wonderment.

Once again Oceania must include Israel in its preliminary matches, with the winner moving on to challenge the successful nation from South American Group 2.

Columbia has been performing well. Either Columbia or Paraguay would provide stout opposition, if as hoped Australia can scale the early heights.

The Winfield Socceroos' renowned tenacity will be vital for all the games ahead.

Italy in 1990 must be the aim, and the call will go out to the expatriate players for reinforcement.

Olympic Parade

It has been a long time between drinks with Australia's participation in the Olympic Games.

Australia competed at the Melbourne Games way back in 1956. This year, with the widening of the player qualification rules from a strictly defined amateurism and indeed a deal of shamateurism to downright realism, it has become possible to compete again with a high standard Australian squad.

The Australian Soccer Federation did well to combine with the New Zealand Football Aossociation to conduct one qualifying round in either country.

There has been tremendous activity to secure the services of the nation's leading overseas-based players.

In the move to have Liverpool's Newcastle NSW man Craig Johnston guesting in the Bicentennial series there has been clear evidence of a dedication to bring the Australian Soccer public the best.

All will wish to see the true potential of the world football code released right across Australia.

To Frank Arok and his merry men — the very best!

OSCAR CRINO, one of Australia's trumps in the upcoming internationals, struts his stuff against Dinamo Zagreb.

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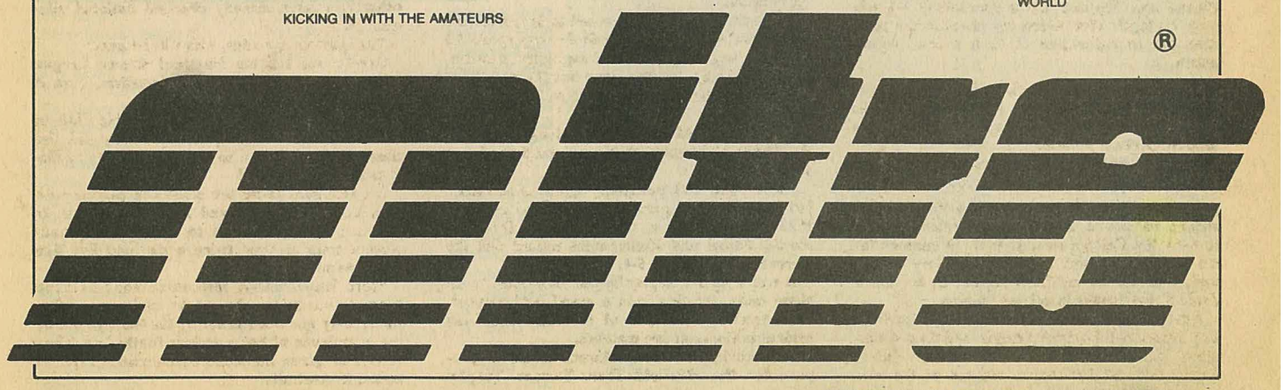
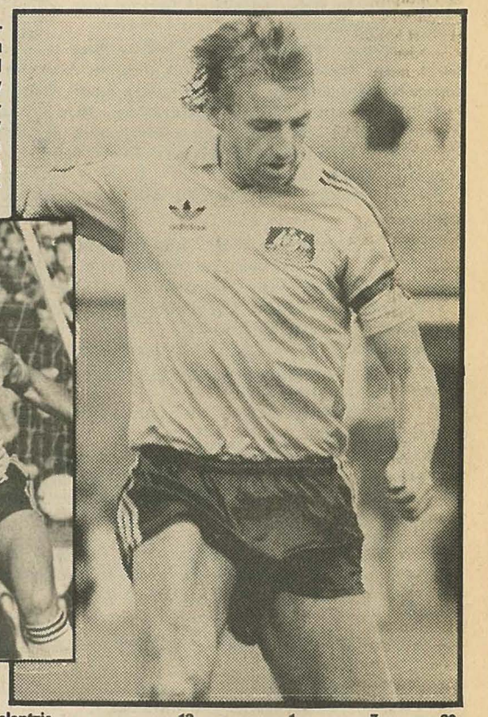


APPEARANCES FOR AUSTRALIA

to November 1987)

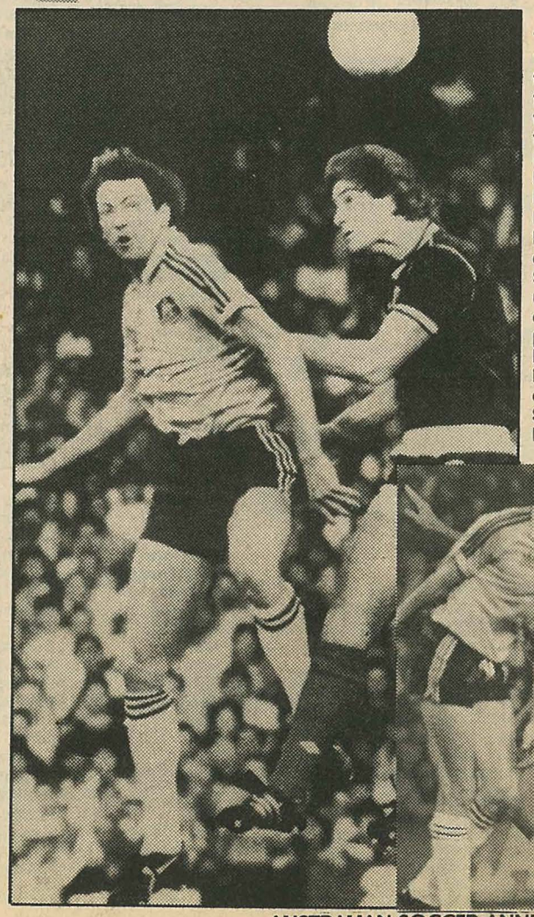
NAME	INTERNATIONAL	"B"	NON INTER	TOTAL
Atti Abonyi	56		32	88
Stan Ackerley	28		2	30
Jim Adam	—		1	1
Glen Ahern	2		—	2
Alan Ainslie	4			4
Adrian Alston	40		21	61
John Anderson	4		4	8
Jim Armstrong	3		1	4
Graham Arnold	12	2	11	25
Ray Baartz	48		11	59
Yakka Banovic	1	2	5	8
Murray Barnes	31		16	47
Grahame Barnett			1	1
Stuart Baxter			1	1
Richie Bell	4		4	8
Col Bennett	30		25	55
Arno Bertogna	4		10	14
Steve Blair	15		8	23
Roy Blitz	5		3	8
Archie Blue	9		3	12
George Blues	4		12	16
Ken Boden	13		11	24
Peter Boyle	1			1
Vic Bozanic	3		1	4
Branko Buljevic	22		7	29
Terry Butler	2		2	4
Rod Brown	2		13	15
Mark Brusasco	2		1	3
Gary Byrne	33		22	55
Paul Carter		1		1
Jim Campbell	1		7	8
Ernie Campbell	14		10	24
Ricardo Campana			1	1
James Cant	3		10	13
Todd Clarke	18		16	34
Gary Cole	18		13	31
Billy Cook	5		4	9
Ron Corry	27		6	33
John Coyne	4		5	9
Oscar Crino	14		25	39
Martyn Crook	9		4	13
Duncan Cumming	1		2	3
Col Curran	22		13	35
Allan Davidson	30		21	51
John Davies	1		3	4
Paul Degney	1		2	3
Ted de Lyster	2		4	6
Mike Denton	4		10	14
John Doyle	1		6	7
Robert Dunn	16	2	14	32
Jean-Paul de Marigny	1		2	3
Terry Eaton			1	1
Trevor Edwards			3	3
Charlie Egan	2		15	17
Frank Farina	14	2	28	44
Anthony Franken	1	1	7	9
Jim Frazer	8		2	10
Peter Fuzes	2			2
Michael Gibson	1		2	3
Ian Gray	5	2	14	21
Terry Greedy	12		26	38
Sebastian Giampaolo	1		1	2
John Giacometti	3		1	4
Ron Giles	3			3
Rudolfo Gnavi	1			1
Gerry Gomez			3	3
Steve Gojevic			4	4
David Harding	19		25	44
George Harris	26		23	49
Tony Henderson	25		26	51
Steve Herczeg	1		1	2
Don Hodgson			1	1
Bobby Hogg	13		4	17
Steve Hogg	4		7	11
Doug Holden			1	1
Peter Hrncir			1	1
Pat Hughes	7		5	12
Ian Hunter	4			4
Grahame Honeyman			4	4
Allan Hunter	4		3	7
Audato Iglesias			1	1
Ray Ilott	4		1	5
Savro Iozelli			1	1
John Ireson			1	1
Sandy Irvine	2		4	6
Lou Ivanoff			1	1
Bruce James			1	1
Karl Jaros			1	1
Mike Jerecki			2	2
Ian Johnston	2		1	3
Mark Jankovics	15		19	34
Graham Jennings	26		29	55
David Jones	3		2	5
Chris Kalantzis	12	1	7	20
Peter Katholos	14		9	23
Kris Kalafatidis			1	1
John Karaspyros			1	1
Paul Kay	2		3	5
David Keddie			2	2
George Keith	20		2	22
Ross Kelly	1			1
Henry Kolecki			1	1
Steve Koroska			1	1
John Kosmina	51		40	91
Mark Koussas	2			2
Kaz Kowalec			1	1
Eddie Krncevic	18		15	33
Peter Laumets			1	1
Grant Lee	2	2		4
Paul Lewis			6	6
Ray Lloyd	6		1	7
Ron Lord			1	1
Sean Lane		1		1
David Lowe	1			1



Right: Long-time Socceroo John Kosmina (91 appearances) in full flight. Bottom: Classy current Socceroo midfielder Zarko Odzakov raises his arm in triumph after scoring against Red Star Belgrade.

NAME	INTERNATIONAL	"B"	NON INTER	TOTAL
Tommy McColl	19		1	20
Tommy McCulloch	2	2	14	18
John McDonald	1		1	2
Danny McKinnon			2	2
Hammy McMeechan	5		2	7
Garry McDowall	8	2	5	15
Steve Maxwell	2			2
Jim Mackay	31		21	52
Allan Maher	20		19	39
Jim Malloy			1	1
Gary Manuel	4		2	6
Gary Marcocchi	8		5	13
Allan Marnoch	14			14
Gary Meier			1	1
Mike Micevski	1		5	6
Frank Micic	7		2	9
Jim Millisavljevic			4	4
Richard Miranda		2	4	6
David Mitchell	20		9	29
Bruce Morrow	1		1	2
Neil Morson			1	1
Danny Moulis	3		1	4
Jim Muir	5		1	6
Kevin Mullen	4		5	9
Agenor Muniz	18		17	35
Ken Murphy	15		22	27
Sergio Melta	2			2
Herbert Ninaus			2	2
Alan Niven	8			8
Eric Norman			1	1
George Nuttall	4		3	7
John Nyskohus	21		23	44
Bogdan Nyskohus			2	2
Steve O'Connor	15		27	42
Phil O'Connor	17		13	30
Peter Ollerton	30		25	55
Jeff Olver	13		16	29
Con Opasinis			3	3
Michael O'Shea	1		12	13
John O'Shea	1		14	15
Zarko Odzakov	13		6	19
Theo Paap			1	1
Jim Patikas	6	2	14	22
Jamie Paton	2		2	4
Eric Pattison			1	1
John Perin	4		5	9
Steve Perry	12		13	25
Tony Pezzano			5	5
Ivo Prskalo	13		13	26
Mike Petersen		2	7	9
Jim Pearson	5		3	8
Angelo Postecoglou	2			2
Gary Quested			2	2
John Russell	1		5	6
Peter Raskopoulos	15		20	35
David Ratcliffe	21		27	48
Billy Rice	5		2	7
Jim Reid			1	1
Jack Reilly	15		20	35
Vic Reynolds			1	1
Mendo Ristovski	1		1	2
John Roberts	1		3	4
Alex Robertson			8	8
John Roche	4		7	11
Billy Rogers	2		2	4
Roger Romanowicz	6		4	10
Jim Rooney	54		46	100
Billy Rorke	7		1	8
Willie Rutherford	6			6
Ray Richards	32		28	60
Joe Rizzotto			3	3
Barry Salisbury			2	2
Joe Sankalis	1		1	1
Manfred Schaefer	49		24	73
Les Scheinflug	6		5	11
Joe Senkalski	1		1	2
Nigel Shepherd	9		3	12
Walter Savor	8		13	21
Theo Selemidis	7		9	16
Peter Sharne	22		17	39
Hilton Silva			1	1
Robert Slater			4	4
John Simpson			1	1
Geoff Sleight	2			2
Marshall Soper	5		23	28
Ian Souness			2	2
John Spanos	1		2	3
Tommy Stankovic			1	1
John Stevenson			2	2
Mita Stojanovic			2	2
Peter Stone	9		6	15
Russell Stewart	1			1
Jim Tansey	19		22	41
Dave Todd	6			6
Max Tolson	16		3	19
Peter Tredinnick	4		3	7
Brian Turner	1			1
Ernie Tapai	1			1
Doug Utjesenovic	34		25	59
Dick Van Alphen	9		1	10
Cliff Van Blerk	2		1	3
Billy Vojtek	31		13	44
Charlie Villani			5	5
John Watkiss	23		8	31
Danny Walsh	7		1	8
John Warren	44		18	62
Joe Watson	17		23	40
Allan Westwater	15		1	16
Robert Wheatley	5		1	6
Gary Wilkins	3		1	4
Harry Williams	17		26	43
Peter Wilson	63		51	114
Greg Woodhouse	10		14	24
Brett Woods	2			2
Paul Wade	10	2	5	17
Dennis Yaager	2		9	11
Charlie Yankos	24		32	56
John Yzendoorn	12		6	18
David Zeman	3			3
Andrew Zinni	6		6	12

(This list excludes appearances prior to the commencement of operation of the Australian Soccer Federation).



The year is 1985 and Australia were battling to make the World Cup finals. Left: David Mitchell beats Scotland's Alex McLeish in a heading duel during the Socceroos' unlucky 0-0 draw at Olympic Park. Below: Robbie Dunn hovers over the fallen Scot — Frank McAvennie.

AUSTRALIA'S 'A' INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Record down the years

1922	New Zealand	1-3	(Dunedin)
		1-1	(Wellington)
		1-3	(Auckland)
1923		2-1	(Brisbane)
		2-3	(Newcastle)
		1-4	(Sydney)
1924	Canada	3-2	(Brisbane)
		0-1	(Sydney)
		4-1	(Sydney)
		0-0	(Newcastle)
		1-4	(Adelaide)
		1-0	(Sydney)
1933	New Zealand	4-2	(Brisbane)
		6-4	(Sydney)
		4-2	(Sydney)
1936	New Zealand	7-1	(Dunedin)
		10-0	(Wellington)
		4-1	(Auckland)
1937	England (Amateurs)	5-4	(Sydney)
		0-4	(Brisbane)
		4-3	(Newcastle)
1938	India	5-3	(Sydney)
		4-4	(Brisbane)
		1-4	(Newcastle)
		5-4	(Sydney)
		3-1	(Melbourne)
1947	South Africa	1-2	(Sydney)
		2-4	(Brisbane)
		3-3	(Sydney)
		5-1	(Newcastle)
		1-2	(Sydney)
1948	New Zealand	6-0	(Wellington)
		7-0	(Christchurch)
		4-0	(Wellington)
		8-1	(Auckland)
1950	South Africa	2-3	(Durban)
		1-2	(Johannesburg)
		2-1	(Port Elizabeth)
1970	Iran	2-1	(Tehran)
1950	Rhodesia	5-0	(Salisbury)
		4-1	(Bulawayo)
1954	New Zealand	1-2	(Melbourne)
		4-1	(Brisbane)
		4-1	(Sydney)
1955	South Africa	0-3	(Brisbane)
		0-2	(Melbourne)
		0-8	(Adelaide)
		0-3	(Sydney)
		1-4	(Newcastle)
1956	India	2-4	(Melbourne) Oly Games
	India	1-7	(Sydney)
	Japan	2-0	(Melbourne) Oly Games
1958	New Zealand	3-2	(Wellington)
		2-2	(Auckland)
1965	North Korea	1-6	(Phnom-Penh) World Cup
		1-3	(Phnom-Penh) World Cup
	Cambodia	0-0	(Phnom-Penh)
	Hong Kong	0-1	(Hong Kong)
	Taiwan	3-1	(Hong Kong)
	Malaysia	1-0	(Ipoh)
	Malaysia	3-0	(Ipoh)
1967	Indonesia	2-0	(Djakarta)
		3-1	(Djakarta)
	Malaysia	1-0	(Saigon)
		4-0	(Kuala Lumpur)
	New Zealand	5-3	(Saigon)
	Singapore	5-1	(Saigon)
	Singapore	6-1	(Singapore)
	South Korea	3-2	(Saigon)
	South Vietnam	1-0	(Saigon)
	Scotland	0-1	(Sydney)
		1-2	(Adelaide)
		0-2	(Melbourne)
1968	Japan	2-2	(Sydney)
		3-1	(Melbourne)
		1-3	(Adelaide)
1969	Greece	1-0	(Sydney)
		2-2	(Brisbane)
		0-2	(Melbourne)
	Japan	3-1	(Seoul) World Cup
		1-1	(Seoul) World Cup
	South Korea	2-1	(Seoul) World Cup
		1-1	(Seoul) World Cup
	Rhodesia	0-0	(Lorenco Marques) WC
		1-1	(Lorenco Marques) WC
		3-1	(Lorenco Marques) WC
	Israel	0-1	(Tel Avia) World Cup
		1-1	(Sydney) World Cup
		2-0	(Capetown)
	Israel	0-1	(Tel Aviv)
	Greece	3-1	(Athens)
	Mexico	0-3	(Mexico City)
1971	Israel	2-2	(Brisbane)
		1-0	(Sydney)
		1-3	(Melbourne)
1972	Indonesia	4-1	(Djakarta)
	New Zealand	3-1	(Djakarta)
	South Vietnam	1-0	(Saigon)
	South Korea	1-1	(Seoul)
		2-0	(Seoul)
	Philippines	6-0	(Manila)
1973	Bulgaria	2-2	(Sydney)
		1-3	(Adelaide)
		0-2	(Melbourne)
	Iraq	3-1	(Sydney) World Cup
	Iraq	0-0	(Melbourne) World Cup
	New Zealand	1-1	(Auckland) World Cup
	New Zealand	3-3	(Sydney) World Cup
	Indonesia	2-1	(Sydney) World Cup
	Indonesia	6-0	(Sydney) World Cup
	Iran	3-0	(Sydney) World Cup
	Iran	0-2	(Tehran) World Cup
	South Korea	0-0	(Sydney) World Cup
	South Korea	2-2	(Seoul) World Cup
	South Korea	1-0	(Hong Kong) World Cup
	Uruguay	0-0	(Melbourne)
	Uruguay	2-0	(Sydney)
	Indonesia	2-1	(Djakarta)
	Israel	1-2	(Tel Aviv)
	East Germany	0-2	(Hamburg) World Cup
	West Germany	0-3	(Hamburg) World Cup
	Chile	0-0	(West Berlin) World Cup
1975	USSR	0-0	(Perth)
	USSR	0-3	(Adelaide)
	USSR	1-2	(Melbourne)
	USSR	0-0	(Brisbane)
	USSR	2-3	(Sydney)
	USSR	1-1	(Newcastle)
1976	New Zealand	1-0	(Auckland)
	New Zealand	3-1	(Melbourne)
	Hong Kong	0-1	(Canberra)
	Hong Kong	2-0	(Gosford)
	Indonesia	1-1	(Djakarta)
	Singapore	1-0	(Singapore)
	Hong Kong	2-0	(Hong Kong)
	Israel	1-1	(Tel Aviv)
1977	Israel	1-1	(Melbourne)
	Israel	1-1	(Sydney)
	Taiwan	3-0	(Ba, Fiji) World Cup
	Taiwan	2-1	(Ba, Fiji) World Cup
	Fiji	0-1	(Suva)
	New Zealand	3-1	(Sydney) World Cup
	New Zealand	1-1	(Auckland) World Cup
	Hong Kong	3-0	(Adelaide) World Cup
	Iran	0-1	(Melbourne) World Cup
	South Korea	2-1	(Sydney) World Cup
	Kuwait	1-2	(Sydney) World Cup
	South Korea	0-0	(Seoul) World Cup
	Hong Kong	5-2	(Hong Kong) World Cup
	Singapore	2-0	(Singapore)
	Kuwait	0-1	(Kuwait) World Cup
	Iran	0-1	(Tehran) World Cup
1978	Greece	0-1	(Adelaide)
1979	New Zealand	0-1	(Auckland)
	Taiwan	2-0	(Taipei)
1980	Czechoslovakia	0-4	(Canberra)
		0-5	(Sydney)
		2-2	(Melbourne)
	England	1-2	(Sydney)
	Nthern Ireland	1-2	(Sydney)
		1-1	(Melbourne)
		1-2	(Adelaide)
	Mexico	2-2	(Sydney)
		1-1	(Melbourne)
	Greece	3-3	(Athens)
	England	0-1	(Birmingham)
	Israel	1-0	(Tel Aviv)
	Hong Kong	0-1	(Hong Kong)
	Indonesia	1-1	(Djakarta)
1981	New Zealand	3-3	(Auckland) World Cup
	New Zealand	0-2	(Sydney) World Cup
	Indonesia	2-0	(Melbourne) World Cup
	Taiwan	3-2	(Adelaide) World Cup
	Fiji	4-1	(Suva) World Cup
	Fiji	10-0	(Melbourne) World Cup
	Indonesia	0-1	(Suribaya) World Cup
	Taiwan	0-0	(Taipei) World Cup
1982	Thailand	5-0	(Singapore)
	Indonesia	2-0	(Singapore)
	Malaysia	5-0	(Singapore)
	South Korea	3-2	(Singapore)
1983	New Zealand	1-2	(Auckland)
	New Zealand	0-2	(Melbourne)
	England	0-0	(Sydney)
	England	0-1	(Brisbane)
	England	1-1	(Melbourne)
	China	1-2	(Singapore)
	Thailand	2-0	(Singapore)
	South Korea	3-1	(Singapore)
	Singapore	4-2	(Singapore)
1984	China PR	2-3	(Beijing) Ampol Cup
1985	New Zealand	0-0	(Auckland) World Cup
	China PR	3-0	(Brisbane) Ampol Cup
	Israel	2-1	(Tel Aviv) World Cup
	Israel	1-1	(Melbourne) World Cup
	Chinese Taipei	7-0	(Adelaide) World Cup
	Chinese Taipei	8-0	(Sydney) World Cup
	New Zealand	2-0	(Sydney) World Cup
	Scotland	0-2	(Glasgow) World Cup
	Scotland	0-0	(Melbourne) World Cup
1986	Czechoslovakia	1-1	(Melbourne)
	Czechoslovakia	0-1	(Adelaide)
	Czechoslovakia	0-3	(Sydney)
	New Zealand	1-1	(Auckland) Winfield Cup
	New Zealand	2-1	(Sydney) Winfield Cup
	China PR	2-0	(Canton) Ampol Cup
1987	New Zealand	1-1	(Melbourne) Winfield Cup
	New Zealand	1-2	(Wellington) Winfield Cup
	Chinese Taipei	3-0	(Taipei) Olympic Games

It is to be noted, matches that haven't been agreed on as 'A' internationals by the competing countries are not included.

YOUNG SOCCEROOS FACE TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

Australia's World Youth Cup performance in Chile last October demonstrates the need for greater concentration on technique.

Coach Les Scheinflug put this subject at the top of his list when reviewing the lessons of the tour.

After defeating Togo 2-0, Australia slumped to a 4-0 loss to ultimate winners Yugoslavia and also lost 2-0 to host nation Chile.

Said Scheinflug: "The other main point concerns our own Australian referees. They must rule out brutal tackles and not allow players to be cut down. If these tactics are resorted to, then the culprits must receive the ultimate penalty."

In Chile, Australia's strong physical attributes went for nought. A touch on an opponent brought a yellow card.

National League experience is vital to players in future Young Socceroo sides.

"John Koch and Jason Polak just didn't have the experience, playing as they were for the AIS in the Victorian State League," Scheinflug declared.

But overall, he wasn't disappointed with his players, saying that the presence of Yugoslavia (winners) and Chile (fourth) showed that Australia's was the toughest group.

Kurt Reynolds was tops, according to Scheinflug.

World Youth Championship 1987. Australia's Lou Hristodoulou challenges a Chilean opponent during the 0-2 loss.

"Other national coaches said that Kurt could play anywhere in Europe right now," he stated.

"Right-back David Healey was a great success and striker Alistair Edwards went extemely well also.

"Players like Jason van Blerk and George Kulcsar showed their qualities also.

"Brilliant players like Paul Trimboli and Abbas Saad were so closely marked. Our guns couldn't fire — we were chocked out."

Perhaps it could have been different with a more constructive midfield.

Scheinflug wasn't happy with a South American linesman in the Chile game, feeling that he was ready to pounce and an elbow from Kulscar gave him the opportunity he wanted.

"Even with 10 players we created chances," he said.

But composure in teams such as Yugoslavia, West Germany, East Germany and Chile was unreal.

All their youngsters were First Division regulars and some had also scaled the heights of the European Cup.

Yugoslavia's No.9 Robert Prosimecki was a playmaker and defence splitter rolled into one.

"My final piece of advice is that future Australian Youth squads must play in both Europe and South America if we are to improve.

"Top support is needed so that we can handle the styles that matter in the long run," Scheinflug concluded.

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AUSTRALIA'S YOUTH INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

*World Youth Cup **

978 OCEANIA SECTION *

OPPONENT	*LOCATION*
Papua-New Guinea	New Zealand 9-0
Fiji	5-1
New Zealand	2-1

979 INTERCONTINENTAL SECTION*

Paraguay	Paraguay 0-2
Israel	0-0
Israel	0-0
Paraguay	0-3

981 FINAL SERIES*

Argentina	Australia 2-1
Cameroon	3-3
England	1-1
West Germany	0-1

982 HAVELANGE INTERNATIONAL

Brazil	Mexico 2-2
Mexico	1-1
Costa Rica	2-1
USSR	0-1
Mexico	3-0

982 OCEANIA SECTION WYC*

Fiji	Papua New Guinea 7-0
New Zealand	2-1
Papua New Guinea	2-0
New Zealand	4-3

983 INTERCONTINENTAL*

Israel	Costa Rica 1-3
Costa Rica	3-1
Israel	2-1
Costa Rica	3-0

983 FINAL SERIES*

Mexico	Mexico 1-1
Scotland	2-1
South Korea	1-2

985 OCEANIA/ISRAEL SECTION*

New Zealand	Australia 2-1
Fiji	6-1
Chinese Taipei	3-0
Papua New Guinea	6-0
Israel	3-2

985 FINAL SERIES*

USSR	USSR 0-0
Canada	0-0
Nigeria	2-3

987 OCEANIA/ISRAEL SECTION*

Fiji	New Zealand 7-0
Israel	1-1
Chinese Taipei	5-0
New Zealand	3-0

987 FINAL SERIES*

Togo	Chile 2-0
Yugoslavia	0-4
Chile	0-2

AUSTRALIA'S UNDER 16 INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

983 OCEANIA SECTION

Papua New Guinea	New Zealand 9-0
Fiji	4-1
Chinese Taipei	3-0
New Caledonia	4-0
New Zealand	2-1

985 FINAL SERIES

Argentina	China 1-0
West Germany	1-0
Congo	1-0
Guinea	0 (2 pen) -0 (4 pen)

986 OCEANIA SECTION

OPPONENT	*LOCATION*
Papua New Guinea	Chinese Taipei 3-0
Fiji	4-0
Chinese Taipei	3-0
New Zealand	0-1

987 FINAL SERIES

Saudi Arabia	Canada 1-0
France	1-4
Brazil	1-0
Nigeria	0-1

World Under 16 Cup

JOEYS WENT OH SO CLOSE

Looking back to Canada last July, it is quite clear that the 1987 Australian side was desperately unlucky not to have advanced beyond the quarter finals.

It would only have taken a slight extra spark to have gone past the then reigning world champions and 1987 runners-up, Nigeria.

To lose No.1 choice right-back Lou Triantafyllou with a broken leg close to half-time in the quarter-final against the Nigerians, when the game was still scoreless, was tragedy indeed.

And in addition there is no shadow of doubt that the Australians were on the receiving end of some refereeing and linesmen's decisions that were of poor quality, especially for this standard of competition.

Nigeria's goal in their 1-0 win looked suspiciously offside, and the Africans went on to defeat Italy 1-0 in the semi-final and lose the final 3-1 on penalties to Russia.

Australia accounted for Saudi Arabia 1-0 in the first round in Group C before losing 4-1 to the French, who dominated for 15 minutes in which otherwise was a close encounter.

And then the well-drilled Australians overcame the brilliant Brazilians 1-0 to win their group by a point from second-placed France.

Amongst the young stars developed by coaches Vic Dalgleish and Bruce Stowell are Dominic Longo (Tasmania), Greg Mills (SA) and Lou Triantafyllou (NSW) and John Russell (NNSW).

Group C

Australia 1 Saudi Arabia 0

Scorer: Steve Horvat 71m.

Australia: Russell, Triantafyllou, Longo, Mills, Georgakis, Dimoudis (McGregor 85m), Dickinson, Horvat, Jee, Rago, Richardson.

France 4 Australia 1

Scorer: Steve Georgakis 73m.

Australia: Russell, Triantafyllou, Mills, Longo (McWhirter, 46m), Georgakis, Horvat (Dimoudis 32m), Dickinson, McGregor, Jee, Rago, Richardson.

Australia 1 Brazil 0

Scorer: Sam Richardson 74m.

Australia: Russell, Triantafyllou, Mills, Longo, Georgakis, McGregor, Dimoudis (Pesano 64m), McWhirter (Freiberg 74m), Jee, Rago, Richardson.

Australia	3	2	0	1	3	4	4
France	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Saudi Arabia	3	1	1	1	2	1	3
Brazil	3	0	2	1	0	1	2

Quarter Final

Nigeria 1 Australia 0

Australia: Russell, Triantafyllou (Freiberg 38m), Mills, Longo, Georgakis, McGregor, McWhirter, Dimoudis, (Christopoulos 66m), Rago, Richardson.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
1975	Victoria	Nth NSW
1976	Nth NSW	Victoria
1977	Victoria	South Australia
1978	Nth NSW	Victoria
1979	Victoria	New South Wales
1980	New South Wales	South Australia
1981	Victoria	New South Wales
1982	(No competition) Test Series between NSW & Qld won by NSW	
1983	ACT	New South Wales
1984	New South Wales	Queensland
1985	New South Wales	ACT
1986	ACT	New South Wales
1987	New South Wales	South Australia

Players of the Championships

1979	Brett Beves	NSW
1980	Fabian Incantalupo	Vic
1981	Lenny Vial	NSW
1983	Andrew Leszcynski	Tas.
1984	Martin Driene	NSW
	Alan Milican	Qld
1985	Brian Ellem	NSW
	David Hunter	Qld
1986	Robert Runje	ACT
	George Jolevski	Vic
1987	David Scott	NSW
	Craig Hoogendorn	ACT

THE WEST END NSL KICKS AWAY AHEAD

Welcome Brisbane and Wollongong

ASW Editor Keith Gilmour looks into the 1988 season

Clubs in the West End National Soccer League expect that the consolidation period of 1987 will be followed by a distinct spurt ahead in 1988.

One particular point for celebration is the re-introduction of clubs from Brisbane and Wollongong into the major competition.

It certainly gives the NSL an overdue flavour of coverage of major Australian centres — an ingredient that was sadly missed in 1987, when only Melbourne, Sydney and one club from Adelaide were involved.

Still outside the pale are Canberra and Newcastle, with Perth having made a push only to be repulsed by the additional travel and wages costs for potential visiting teams, from cities which are very substantial distances to the east.

No doubt the major sponsor South Australian Brewing Company — and the public in leading cities not at present being serviced — expect overall cover from a competition that regards itself as being nationally based.

However it will take much more than parish pump politics to replace the chancey promotion and relegation system with one which fits hand and glove with the Australian sports environment.

It should be recorded that other major Australian winter sports have shown the way to go, if outstanding success is to be secured.

Grand Finals

The 1988 season will see the restoration of the grand final system as part and parcel of the championship.

It is easy to understand the arguments of those who oppose this format, but for public esteem and attendances to be rebuilt it should be regarded as an essential.

Given proper timing and promotion as well as quality football, there is no other circumstance in Australia that can set the turnstiles clicking to the same degree.

The League has taken a forward step in allowing up to two guest players to appear for a club in a competition match.

Star quality football is vital, as various players of the Kevin Keegan and Mick Channon mould have shown over the years.

With so many of our top Australian products departing to the greener grass on the other side of the hill, it is essential that classy entertainment be provided on every occasion.

But it seems however that Soccer can't have it all ways.

Three points for a win caused teams so often to go out for the points rather than back into their shells in the closing stages of games.

Arguments that teams come up with the same approximate league positions whether two or three points for a win are awarded have a hollow ring.

It is the attitude of players and coaches that counts — the incentive to attack rather than to close a game up.

FLASHBACK. Remember when Kevin Keegan made such a hit with Blacktown in the 1985 NSL season?

But, two points it will be for 1988, so the crowds will have to make the best of it. Perhaps it was the 'English' tag of three points that caused the opportunity to be missed.

The league is fortunate to have West End as its main sponsor, with greatly appreciated support from other respected companies such as Mitre footballs, air carriers Ansett, Power football boots, Qantas, Nanda and West End Mazda.

Improvments

Clubs are required to employ at least one fulltime staff member this year. Shades of the beginnings of the NSL twelve years ago!

There are many clubs now with strong staffing in place for administration, promotion and so on.

The League did well to recognise that the stragglers must come into line if this great world-wide football code is to twinkle in the sports firmament of Australia.

The serving of a suspension for two yellow cards is an honest attempt to release the essential skills of the game.

Yet, with central defenders placed in the situation they are today, it could be that the idea will require close attention as well as some fine tuning before it can be branded as a success.

Recognition has been given to the need for more spectator seating and cover, although the idea was deferred to operate in 1989.

Adequate communication is also vital. A move ahead by the League will release more vital energy to ensure that 1988 goes down in the history books of Australian Soccer football as a year of undeniable progress.

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APIA'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Although Apia-Leichhardt finished the league with a six point margin, it is well worth recording that they had held a mind-boggling nine point margin over the next contender after 20 rounds had been played.

But, no matter whether six or nine points was involved in the finish, it was the Maroons' season all the way.

The marvel in the show was the ability of a largely newly-recruited side to find the balance that rarely ever let them down.

Over 24 matches the team produced 13 wins, 9 draws and two losses. The side found the second highest goal tally and conceded the least albeit by just a single goal.

The business acumen of president Joe Prestia was widely acknowledged to be a huge factor in the Apia revival.

Coach Rale Rasic drew together a remarkable squad, gaining also from the unexpected arrival of midfielders Peter Tredinnick and Peter Katholos.

That squad had the depth to overcome any injury or suspension difficulties and it was only late in the season that any slackness at all came even on a temporary basis.

Nothing is more certain that a team, no matter how good, will lose at some point. In Apia's case it was Preston who caught them off-guard with a 4-0 hammering.

Just as Apia's miracle had been fashioned in early season training, Preston's re-grouping took place whilst league games were suspended for the Socceroos' trip to South Korea to take place.

The team finished second. At the stage the league broke for the Socceroos tour Preston were 10th, with only two wins from nine games.

Personable young coach Ernie Merrick certainly earnt his spurs, particularly as he lacked the depth of clubs such as Apia and Marconi.

That St George could do so much rebuilding and yet finish third was most remarkable.

No-one, least of all coach Frank Arok, would deny that the fortuitous arrival of Steve O'Connor and Kevin Hagan following Sydney City's disastrous disbandment, gave the impetus for the revival.

But that fact must not be allowed to obscure the work put in to develope a great bunch of youngsters.

Marconi's injury woes handicapped Roberto Vieri, but along with potential superstars Sydney Croatia they made the grand final series.

Greek-backed South Melbourne and Sydney Olympic missed the five, and ultimately an inconsistent Heidelberg were the team to drop down to State League ranks.

SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

St George coach Frank Arok is no stranger to the preparation of teams that come good when the big games come around.

This truism was no exception in 1987. The Saints defeated Preston 2-1 in the preliminary semi-final, Apia 2-1 in the preliminary final and went on to down hitherto dependable Apia 4-0 in the final at Parramatta Stadium.

The match to end matches, and which stressed the attacking football attitude that can be the exciting point of knockout games, saw Marconi edge out Sydney Croatia in the elimination semi-final.

Marconi, after playing extra time in that game, faced extra time again against Preston in Melbourne and lost in a shoot-out.

Apia had a hard Wednesday night job in disposing of Preston at Olympic Park. The game was not all that energetic, but semi-professional players can find it hard to bounce back in three days, for a grand final.

The Saints did not let the western suburbs heat bother them, scoring their third goal just before halftime. The goals came from Kevin Hagan, Scott Ollerenshaw and Pedroy Ricoy, with Hagan grabbing a second helping later on.

It is hard to remember how Steve O'Connor would have ever handed in a better game, and players such as Pedro Ricoy and Alan Pottier have never showed to better advantage.

There was no change in the Saints' tactics despite their remarkable lead, and the continual attacking certainly bore its reward.

It was difficult to identify Apia stars on the day, with the midfield in particular beaten for a metre or two in pace right throughout an enthralling game.

At the end of the day Apia coach Rale Rasic would have savoured a grand final victory, but if one had to be surrendered the the championship was the one to be preferred.

ST GEORGE: Gibson, Green, O'Connor, O'Shea, Ricoy, Koczka, Pottier, Ollerenshaw, Hagan (Ilic 83rd), Petkovski (Fletcher 62nd).

APIA: Pezzano, M.Brown, Bertogna, Yankos, Tredinnick, Butler, Katholos (Bozanic 53rd), Bundalo, Phillips, R.Brown, Ward (Parison 46th).

Referee: R.Lorenc.

Crowd: 6,961.

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LEAGUE GOAL LEADERS
1977-1987

123	JOHN KOSMINA
109	GARY COLE
95	MARK JANKOVICS
89	PHIL O'CONNOR
73	CHARLIE EGAN
73	DOUG BROWN
67	MARSHALL SOPER
64	KEN BODEN
64	ROD BROWN
60	JIM CAMPBELL
59	MURRAY BARNES
58	JAMIE PATON
54	CHARLIE VILLANI
53	JOHN NYSKOHUS
52	DAVID LOWE
52	FRANK FARINA
50	GARY WARD
48	PETER SHARNE
47	GRAHAM ARNOLD
47	ROY COTTON
46	PETER OLLERTON
44	ZDRAVKO LUJIC
43	BRANKO BULJEVIC
43	TERRY BYRNE
43	PAUL LEWIS
42	DES MARTON
41	JOHN BRADLEY
41	MARK KOUSSAS
41	PETER KATHOLOS

Elimination Semi-final: Marconi 3 (Farina, Nastevski, McCulloch) Sydney Croatia 2 (Clinch, Arnold) at St George Stadium.

Preliminary Semi-final: St George 2 (Ollerenshaw 2) Preston Makedonia 1 (Slifkas) at St George Stadium.

Minor Semi-final: Preston 2 (Smith, Dimovski) 5 pen, Marconi 2 (Farina, Gomez) 3 pen at Olympic Park.

Major Semi-final: St George 2 (Moffitt, Fletcher) Apia-Leichhardt 1 (Phillips) at St George Stadium.

Preliminary final: Apia-Leichhardt 0, 3 pen, Preston 0, 1 pen at Olympic Park.

Grand final: St George 4 (Hagan 2, Ollerenshaw, Ricoy) Apia-Leichhardt 0 at Parramatta Stadium.

WEST END 1987 NAT. LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
APIA-L'hardt	24	13	9	2	39	21	35
Preston Mak	24	11	7	6	32	22	29
St. George	24	12	5	7	31	24	29
Marconi	24	11	5	8	41	25	27
Sydney Croatia	24	10	6	8	31	25	26
Sth Melbourne	24	9	7	8	32	34	25
Syd. Olympic	24	7	9	8	29	32	23
Brunswick Juv	24	9	5	10	18	23	23
Melb. Croatia	24	9	5	10	22	30	23
Adelaide City	24	6	10	8	29	23	22
Footscray	24	7	8	9	17	27	22
Sunshine GC	24	3	9	12	26	42	15
Heidelberg	24	3	7	14	25	44	13

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NSL IN REVIEW

FRANK COLETTA casts a quick eye over all of the National League sides that took part in a gruelling 1987 schedule . . .

APIA-LEICHHARDT

Position: 1st
Coach: Rale Rasic
Assistant: Mike Urukalo
President: Joe Prestia
Club: 36 Frazer Street, Leichhardt NSW
Ground: Lambert Park, Marion Street, Leichhardt

The glory days finally returned to the famous Apia club.

Coach Rale Rasic moulded the side he wanted at Lambert Park, thanks to the financial support from club president Joe Prestia. A two-year plan was turned into a straight away success.

Despite losing heavily 4-0 to St George in the Grand Final at the Parramatta Stadium, little gloss was taken off a terrific season from the Leichhardt side.

Skipper Arno Bertogna capped off possibly his best season in the national league by winning the Primo Smallgoods $10,000 award, and Rasic took out the Coach of the Year unchallenged on the same night at the Sheraton Wentworth.

In the end Rod Brown was pipped at the post by Marconi's Frank Farina as the nation's top goal-scorer, but the red-haired centre forward was at his lethal best in 1987.

Enthusiastic goalkeeper Tony Pezzano took off the Apia player of the year award, voted by his team-mates, a prestigious honour in a championship-winning squad and far from being unwarranted.

Jean-Paul de Marigny came of age following his move from the defunct Sydney City, his explosive runs down the flank and ferocity in defence being a source of comfort for his team-mates and coach.

Others such as Peter Tredinnick, Charlie Yankos, Terry Butler and Mark Brown had many high moments, whilst Gary Ward and Hilton Phillips delivered the necessary fire when it was required.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA

Position: 2nd
Coach: Bill Murray/Ernie Merrick
President: John Brian
Club: near ground
Ground: Connor Reserve, Broadhurst Avenue, Reservoir, Victoria

Preston finished their 1987 campaign just a most pundits predicted it would — minus a trophy.

However, in a season where most of the Melbourne-based national league clubs failed to reach their previous benchmarks, it was Makedonia, who with new found spirit, kept the southern banner flying.

With the introduction of new coach Ernie Merrick, taking over the reins from Bill Murray, the Preston side earnt rave reviews and gained respect and admiration.

A 2-0 win over Melbourne Croatia started a remarkable run which saw them go from round 20 to 25 with half a dozen straight wins to cement a top-five berth.

The winning run hit a high point when they took champions Apia to the cleaners with a 4-0 home win, bringing to an end in round 22 the undefeated run of the Leichhardt side.

It seemed that the side Merrick had taken from Murray and basically turned into a super-confident, super-charged NSL power, ran out of steam. The side looked only a shadow of its former self when they wilted to Sunshine George Cross in the last round before bowing out of the race in the preliminary final to eventual winners — St George.

ST GEORGE

Position: 3rd
Coach: Frank Arok
Assistant: Atti Abonyi
President: Les Bordacs
Club: 84 Victoria Avenue, Mortdale NSW
Ground: St George Stadium, Bestic Street, Rockdale

If you had said at the start of the season that St George would win the National Grand Final, you would have been considered psychiatric material!

But the Saints rode out all the early bad times on and came storming home, so much so that they whipped National League champions Apia 4-0 in the play-off decider.

It was a sensational season for the grand old club and Arok believes it was nothing short of a super effort by his charges.

"1987 was a most rewarding season for our club. It was also an exciting season as the faith we placed in developing our youth payed off handsomely.

"Towards the end our youngsters were playing first class football which paid large dividends. Our new coaching staff of Atti Abonyi, Frank Laing and Nicki Sokolloff was marvellous," he said.

In between the sticks, Mike Gibson, now seemingly entrenched as Jeff Olver's number two, did rather well. At the back, Steve O'Connor was a marvel as he played possibly the best football of his life from the centre of defence. He was aided by the dependable Mike O'Shea, David Green and Craig Moffatt.

Midfielders Pedro Ricoy, Alan Pottier and Mike Grbevski came on in leaps and bounds whilst the strikers, Scott Ollerenshaw (now an international), Andrew Koczka and Graeme Fletcher gave their all when called on.

MARCONI-Fairfield

Position: 4th
Coach: Roberto Vieri
Assistant: Roberto Viera/Berti Mariani
President: Tony Labbozzetta
Club: Marconi Road, Bossley Park NSW
Ground: Marconi Stadium, Marconi Road, Bossley Park

Marconi and neighbours Sydney Croatia will be remembered for being the enigmas of season 1987.

They were both capable of marvellous football one moment, and equally capable of falling into a destructive slump in form on other occasions.

Marconi however were beleagured by a run of injuries that in the end proved too much for even their large squad.

At one time or another, David Lowe, Ian Gray, Tommy McCulloch, Craig Mason, Bruce James, Steve Calderan and Geoff Gunning were out with lengthy injuries and teams in any part of the world would find it difficult to recover from such a talent loss.

Early on the Fairfield side signed Sydney City duo, Frank Farina ($32,000) and Gerardo Gomez ($21,000) along with McCulloch a couple of days after the season kicked off for another $20,000. In also came Adelaide City's 22-year-old striker Steve Maxwell for $25,000, Zlatko Nastevski of NSW State League club Rockdale for $4000, and Alvaro Perdomo (Uruguayan Penrith).

Gone were the likes of Osvaldo El Ali, Adrian Janin, Petar Zrilic before a ball was kicked in anger. Rod Brown fetched $32,000 from Apia whilst Peter Tredinnick followed his tracks back to Leichhardt for $11,000. To top this off, the blond-bomber Mark Jankovics called it a day.

So Marconi went through 1987 with fourth place in the national league, a semi-final berth, runners-up in the State Bank Cup and a semi-final loss in the Beach Fashions Cup. Not to mention a highly successful promotion of the tour by Yugoslav First Division champions FK Vardar of Skopje before the season began.

Coach Roberto Vieri was forced to ride more than a few rough moments. Amid one of Marconi's worst mid-season slumps on record it seemed for all money that the former midfielder would lose his

APIA — The Champions!

1) Jean Paul de Marigny (right) tangles with Sydney Croatia's Robbie Slater.
2) Gary Ward forges his way through the St George Stadium mud.
3) Skipper Arno Bertogna, stepping out.
4) Charlie Yankos outjumps Brunswick's Andrew Zinni, Alex Bundalo watches.
5) Yankos and Peter Katholos beat Sunshine's Robert Markovac.
6) Commiserations for Apia players following their 0-4 loss to St George in the National Grand Final.

spot in charge of the club, but he was retained and overall had a good season.

The end of the year saw some superb displays, especially from McCulloch and young goalkeeper Bob Catlin. Robbie Wheatley hardly put a foot wrong, Geoff Gunning looks promising, and of course Farina was the nation's top scorer and Player's Player of the Year.

SYDNEY CROATIA

Position: 5th
Coach: Vedran Rozic
Assistants: Mario Bogdanovic/ Ron Corry
President: Tony Basic
Club: Punchbowl, NSW
Ground: Croatian Sports Centre, Edensor Park

When the National League reverted to a championship format, many people pinned their faith on the tried and proven form of Sydney Croatia.

But the club was too often a disappointment . . . in the league that is. As fate would have it, the Croatian side found success in the Cup format, whereas on some previous occasions this had been their downfall!

They took out the pre-season State Bank Cup and the Beach Fashions Cup but crumbled to finish only fifth in the premier Australian Soccer competition.

Like Marconi before them, they drifted into a back-breaking slump late in the season and never really recovered, despite their win over South Melbourne in the Beach Fashions Cup.

Similarly, they had had somewhat of a massive staff overhaul, although it was done in a discreet manner. From the 1986 squad the likes of Zeljko Jurin (Yugoslavia), Ivo Petkovic (Yugoslavia), Steve Watson (Blacktown), Joe Caleta (St.George), Emil Dragicevic (Sydney Olympic), Rene Licata (Canterbury), Joe Kero (released) went elsewhere, and the Kovacic brothers, Marijan and Alex retired.

On the other scale, additions were Anthony Franken from Canberra City for a bargain $12,000, Robbie Slater (Blacktown City), Mark Jones (Newcastle), Gustavo Cerro (Canberra Youth) and Ray Vlietstra (Wollongong).

Croatia's main problem to many observers was the tendency to use the age old ploy of belting the ball upfield in search of the chasers, who were Robbie Slater and Manis Lamond. It worked to an extent early in the season when the Edensor Park side were league leaders for five rounds undefeated, but they were often found out.

Another problem related to playing Graham Arnold deep in a grafting position, from which it was impossible for him to collect the essential goals for the side to succeed.

Wally Savor had one of his best seasons. He represented Australia and also captained Croatia in Rozic's absence.

Fellow international Zarko Odzakov, when not hindered by injury, was the spark behind the team's performances. When he was on song so were Croatia, when he wasn't, well that was a totally different story.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Position: 6th
Coach: Brian Garvey
President: Chris Christopher
Ground: Middle Park Soccer Stadium, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

Somehow it just didn't turn out the season of South Melbourne in 1987.

The club which looks back on an impressive NSL record had only a runners-up spot in the Beach Fashions Cup to show for all its toils.

Part of the story can be attributed to an inability to get the right midfield blend and a continued service to the front-line.

As against that however, a deal of the goalscoring came from the midfield itself, with Socceroo Paul Wade heading the list with eight goals, followed by Stuart Stevenson (6), Charlie Egan (5), the elegant Danny Crainie (4) and the hard working Richard Miranda on three.

One place out of the top five was an encouraging display, and in addition the club's run in the Cup was quite convincing, including a 4-1 battering of Marconi in the semi-final.

Ending as runners-up will never be the same as winning, and South had to bow to the Sydney Croatia outfit in the end, 1-0 in each leg.

When things weren't running according to plan, coach Brian Garvery decided to drop some of his much vaunted stars to begin a revival, but in the end it was too little, too late.

The low crowd figures had to be worrying to the usually well supported club, and as it stands long-time experts confess they are concerned over South's ability to find a remedy.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Position: 7th
Coach: Eddie Thomson
Assistant: Mick Hickman
President: Tom Doumanis
Ground: St George Stadium, Bestic Street Rockdale NSW

As ever there was no shortage of action when it came to Sydney Olympic, and it took less than a week to really hot the 1987 action.

First round losers to the soon-to-become defunct Sydney City, Olympic had that 2-0 loss wiped out when Hakoah Club Ltd pulled the rug from under the Slickers and then exited coach of one NSL round, Milan Lukic. Enter as caretaker-coach, former Socceroo David Ratcliffe and finally in came Eddie Thomson to take over the reigns with a host of City exiles.

For a time it seemed as though the wisdom of Thomson would carry the Greek-backed club all the way through to the semi-finals but then, inevitably many thought, the bottom fell out of Olympic and they struggled to seventh spot.

It was always going to be a struggle for Olympic. Marshall Soper severely damaged his knee in that fateful clash with City at St.George Stadium and he had a complete reconstruction before resuming in the Youth League at the end of the season.

John Kosmina suffered through lack of support and the Chris Kalantzis affair, with his off-again, on-again move to Greece, only served to complicate matters.

Ratcliffe was strong at the back yet the form of Tony Dakos mystified.

Stuart Johnston (now released) was always handy but never a match-winner.

Reflecting on a trying season, Thomson said: "Despite all the problems, a couple of refereeing mistakes towards the end of the season definitely robbed us of a semi-final spot.

"Had we qualified, I am quite certain that we would have caused a few upsets."

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

Position: Eighth
Coach: Len McKendry
Assistant: Joe Caruso
President: Dominic Tenuta
Ground: Olympic Park, Swan Street, Melbourne. Victoria

To all intents and purposes Brunswick Juventus failed dismally in their 1987 quest for the national title.

Their only solace came in the form of the end-of-season Dockerty Cup, where they beat Heidelberg United in the final, and Andrew Zinni's Rothmans Medal success.

Sad was the retirement of stalwart former Socceroo defender John Yzendoorn, who played many games less than he should have in the green and gold, Australia being more the poorer for it.

He will be close to irreplaceable, but a bright spot was the form of rookie goalkeeper Pat Marama, taking over the number one role from the disenchanted Yakka Banovic.

Many people have wondered just what happened to the one-time Derby County and Socceroo custodian.

It seems the talented Banovic became a little disillusioned early in the season following a 1986 battle with a bad facial injury and other troubles. Marama was given his chance to replace him and duly succeeded, Banovic being meantime on the market.

Frank McGrellis flew in from South Africa, promptly smashing a match-winning hat-trick against Heidelberg, but was hardly sighted from then on.

Anthony Grbac looks set to develop into a fine midfielder and his stint in the Chile with the Youth Socceroos will do him the world of good.

The biggest disappointment came in the form of Preston buy — Sean Lane. The talented striker just didn't seem to fit and subsequently lost all confidence. He will have to work long and hard to justify the $30,000 the black and whites outlaid for him in the pre-season.

For a team that was national champions in 1985 and table-toppers the following season, 1987 was an unequivocal failure. They played some very unattractive football, some games ending a total bore.

Having said that it is little wonder that McKendry and his men struggled, as their already threadbare squad experienced a monstrous injury and suspension list during the season.

MELBOURNE CROATIA

Position: Ninth

Saluting The Saints!

1) The Saints rejoice! Coach Frank Arok (holding the National Trophy) leads the celebrations after St George's 4-0 Grand Final win over Apia.
2) Kevin Hagan (right) and Zoran Ilic.
3) Mike Grbevski is airborne as he thumps in a shot, South Melbourne's Bobby Russell arives too late.
4) If looks could kill! Steve 'Rocky' O'Connor.
5) Mike Gibson guesses wrong on this occasion.

Coach: Terry Hennessey/ Peter Ollerton
President: Jack Skoblar
Ground: Olympic Park, Swan Street, Melbourne, Victoria

Melbourne Croatia began the season by waltzing away with both the Victorian Buffalo Cup and Interstate Ansett Shield.

It seemed that the club would be one of the front-runners for the National League title, especially as they had secured the services of Scotsmen Ian Wallace and Willie Herd.

But things went desperately wrong. First the results didn't come and coach Terry Hennessey struck a health problem, forcing him to stand down. His assistant Peter Ollerton took over the reins.

He was able to get the team performing sporadically, but that was nowhere near enough. It was surprising when you consider the defence consisted of the likes of Ian Dobson, Robbie Dunn, Alan Davidson, George Hannah and Dave McIntosh.

Early in the season, midfielder Jim McLean looked likely to prove a real asset but his interest waned and he quickly faded away.

Paul Lewis, secured in the off-season from Green Gully, finished the season as the club's top scorer with 11 goals and midfielder Josip Biskic showed the odd silken touch, but it was not nearly good enough.

When all the woes of a frustrating season seemed to be past them, Croatia had to deal with the tragic injury that beset Wallace, breaking his leg in the side's last match of the season against Brunswick in the Dockerty Cup.

Ollerton moved swiftly as season's end to attempt to purchase the likes of Jeff Olver and Kiwi international Fred de Jong to bolster the squad.

ADELAIDE CITY

Position: Tenth
Coach: Zoran Matic
President: Charlie Caruso
Ground: Olympic Sports Field, The Parade, Kensington, South Australia

Tenth in a competition of just 13 teams seems a long way down for an outfit like Adelaide City.

Especially when it is recalled that just a year before, the South Australians had thrilled more than 14,000 people at the Parramatta Stadium in conclusively beating Sydney Olympic in the national grand final.

But it wasn't as bad a season as their position might suggest. They finished on 22 points, just two wins out of the semi-final play-offs and in fact were one of only five clubs who scored more goals than they conceded.

Probably the most outstanding factor which kept the then reigning champions in a modest position was the limited size of their first team squad, with players occasionally called upon to play in SA State League games the previous day.

The club was one which suffered financially in the early National Soccer League days and they had to work their fingers to the bone to make improvements and stay afloat.

This they did admirably. They restricted the number of players and made sure their fortunes were restored, and kept player payments within reasonable bounds.

There is little doubt that a few more players of the excellent quality of their 1987 staff would have made a world of difference. Joe Mullen is certainly a striker who can set a ground alight. He collected nine goals in the 1987 league.

Skipper Bugsy Nyskohous is well complemented at the back by Alex Tobin, Paul Shillabeer and Paul Wilde. Tough as teak Neville Flounders left a huge gap when injury ruled him out.

This team with the likes of Sergio Melta, Aurelio Vidmar, Adrian Santrac and Charlie Villani controlling the middle of the park, had the ability to get back on the right track and into success once more.

FOOTSCRAY JUST

Position: Eleventh
Coach: Dragoslav Sekularac
President: Rayko Curcija
Ground: Schintler Reserve, New Footscray Rd, Footscray, Victoria

To many who thrilled at the style and grace of Footscray 1986 vintage, 1987 proved a huge disappointment.

Quite simply, despite a massive — by their standards — spending spree during the closed season and beyond, which included the purchasing of Socceroo Oscar Crino, Footscray JUST didn't live up to expectations.

The fluency and creativity which had been a trademark the year previous, which accompanied Drago Sekularac's much-heralded coaching debut, was sadly missing.

Footscray didn't 'click' early on and soon found themselves in relegation territory, in fact for a side with so much flair it was found to be every bit as defensive as other teams at season's completion.

A repeat of the previous year's efforts was never on the cards. It took the side seven rounds before registering a win, 1-0 away to old rivals Melbourne Croatia.

This had been despite the inclusions of Tyrone James, Eddie Campbell and Gary van Egmond. Zoran Dimitrijevic joined not long after, then came Kenny Murphy from South Melbourne and finally the much-vaunted Crino. Although when the talented Socceroo took his place at Schintler, he joined a very dispirited squad indeed.

However with that sort of quality in Footscray's midst, things just had to improve . . . and they did.

The real quality players finally had some of the burden lifted from their shoulders and they started to shine. Tom Karic impressed late in the season and speedsters Ernie Tapai and Warren Spink turned on a bit of class. Vlado Bozinovski and Suliman Curovic showed some quality also.

The potential is there for Footscray to come back this season, as long as the basis of the squad is kept together.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

Position: Twelfth
Coach: John Gardiner
President: Alfred Zahra
Ground: Chaplin Reserve, Anderson Road Sunshine, Victoria

Sunshine George Cross beat all the odds in 1987 as they struggled to safety against the threat of relegation . . . something that had haunted them since the start of the season.

It was always going to be difficult for them as they had only snared two points in the first fourteen rounds. By that stage impatient supporters had started to berate coach John Gardiner at every given opportunity.

Gardiner had faith in his team and stuck by his players, insisting that most of the losses were because of bad luck and lack of confidence.

With everyone jumping on the band-wagon in rubbishing the team, Georgie jumped back to life as quickly as they had fallen, subsequently making a successful last-ditch attempt to stay up.

Only two of the last dozen games were lost and the inspiring run included a sensational last round win away to runners-up Preston.

Despite boasting a string-bean squad, Sunshine survived the almost inevitable drop into the Victorian State League. This was done through the likes of youngsters Paul Trimboli, John Markovski, Andrew Marth and John Campelj, a quartet that if kept together could well prove the cornerstone of rosier George Cross days in the future.

HEIDELBERG UNITED

Position: Last
Coach: John Margaritis
President: Peter Tsaklis
Ground: Olympic Village

Things went all wrong for Heidelberg in 1987, drastically wrong.

It was probably the most ignominous season for the Alexander club on record.

Ironically it looked early on that Heidelberg were in for a fairly good season. Back in May they had three very impressive victories, including a 5-0 Cup hammering of Melbourne Croatia and a 6-2 league win over Sunshine. With this many had the Olympic Villagers pencilled in as genuine final five prospects.

But, the wheels didn't just fall off, the steering column snapped and the Bergers crashed in a decisive way.

Indeed they won just one more game over the next 16 rounds! Coach John Margaritis added fuel to the rumours of dissention in the ranks late in the season when he rang in the changes to the first team, which included the sensational dropping of Socceroo Alan Hunter.

Jeff Olver had another sensational year in goal, John Anastasiadis was one of the discoveries of the year ·

Perhaps the chemistry in the club just wasn't right or perhaps the Margaritis Midas touch had deserted him.

Regardless of the post-mortems, 1987 was an absolute disaster for the relegated Bergers.

Melb.Croatia's Ansett Shield

1) The high-flying Robbie Dunn defies gravity against Brunswick Jvuentus.
2) Alan Davidson does his darndest to stop South Melbourne's Paul Wade.
3) Josip Biskic does his best to emulate his team-mate Dunn.
4) Tragedy for Croatia . . . Ian Wallace is carried from the field by team-mates Branko Milosevic and Paul Lewis after breaking his leg against Brunswick Juve in the Dockerty Cup.
5) Dunn is done in by Apia's Peter Katholos.

NSL goals club by club

Marconi's marvellous buy Frank Farina repaid a deal of his $32,000 transfer fee when he topped the 1987 league scoring list with 16 goals.

It was a great feat for the Socceroo striker, who showed improved steadiness to add to his determination and blistering pace over the year.

The unlucky man was surely Apia-Leichhardt's Rod Brown, who led the table for most of the way and finally, after netting a brilliant 14 goals, gave way largely because of injuries at the end.

Melbourne Croatia's Paul Lewis' scoring rate declined a little in the second round, but he showed up with 11 goals, followed on 10 by Preston Makedonia's Steve Smith.

Robbie Slater of Sydney Croatia got bogged down after a brilliant beginning and shared fifth place on nine goals with the Adelaide City duo of Joe Mullen and Charlie Villani.

Under 21 Player of the Year John Markovski distinguished himself with eight goals, along with Ron Campbell of Preston.

Last year's winner Graham Arnold ended with a group of players on seven.

Arnold, playing in a midfield, role, lacked the opportunity to home in on the target as much as usual.

He proved his potential is all there by finding the net in a forward role for the national team.

ADELAIDE CITY	League	Cup	Top 5	Total
Joe Mullen	9			9
Charlie Villani	9			9
Sergio Melta	3	1		4
Aurelio Vidmar	2			2
Lenny Vatsilas	2			2
Paul Wilde	2			2
Adrian Santrac	1			1
Andy Toland	1			1
APIA LEICHHARDT				
Rod Brown	14			14
Gary Ward	6			6
Hilton Phillips	3		1	4
Arno Bertogna	3			3
Charlie Yankos	2			2
Peter Katholos	2			2
Jean-Paul de Marigny	2			2
Burin Zajmi	1			1
Peter Tredinnick	1			1
Anthony Parison	1			1
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS				
John Yzendoorn	4			4
Andrew Zinni	4			4
Frank McGrellis	4			4
Sean Lane	3			3
Anthony Grbac	2			2
Scott Patterson	1			1
FOOTSCRAY JUST				
Warren Spink	4			4
Ernie Tapai	2			2
Eddie Campbell	1			1
Nick Burlak	1			1
Zdravko Lujic	1			1
Oscar Crino	1			1
Vlado Bozinovski	1			1
Zoran Nikitovic	1			1
Zoran Dimitrijevic	1			1
Tom Karic	1			1
HEIDELBERG				
Peter Tsolakis	7	2		9
Lawrie McKinna	7	2		9
Theo Selemidis	4			4
Alan Hunter	3			3
Andy Deeley	2			2
Scott Fraser	1			1
Mike Valentine	1			1
Brian Brown	1			1
Claude Lucchesi	1			1
John Kanesoulis	1			1
John Anastasiadis		1		1
MARCONI				
Frank Farina	16	1	2	19
Gerry Gomez	5		1	6
Steve Maxwell	5			5
Geoff Gunning	5			5
Zlatho Nastevski	3	1	1	5
David Lowe	2			2
Robert Wheatley	1			1
Paul Carter	1			1
Craig Mason	1			1
Tom McCulloch			1	1
MELBOURNE CROATIA				
Paul Lewis	11	1		12
Ian Wallace	6			6
Dave McIntosh	2	1		3
Josip Biskic	1			1
Robbie Dunn	1			1
Alan Scott	1			1
Jim Campbell		1		1
Andy Humble		1		1
PRESTON MAKEDONIA				
Steve Smith	10	1	1	12
Ron Campbell	8			8
Goce Dimovski	5		1	6
Zoran Ilioski	2			2
Steve Jackson	2			2
Ian Dobson	1	1		2
Steve Gojevic	1			1
Ian Roodhouse	1			1
George Petrov	1			1
John Stewart	1			1
George Slifkas			1	1
ST GEORGE				
Scott Ollerenshaw	7		3	10
Kevin Hagan	5		2	7
Graeme Fletcher	5		1	6
Craig Moffatt	3		1	4
Alan Pottier	3			3
Mike O'Shea	3			3
Peter Petkovski	2			2
Pedro Ricoy	1		1	2
Andy Koczka	1			1
Zoran Ilic	1			1
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS				
Paul Wade	8			8
Charlie Egan	5	3		8
Stuart Stevenson	6			6
Danny Crainie	4			4
Richard Miranda	3			3
Danny Wright	2			2
Andy Postecoglou	1	1		2
Steve Blair	1			1
Gary McDowall	1			1
Carl Halford		1		1
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS				
John Markovski	8			8
Paul Trimboli	4			4
Steve Richardson	3			3
Don McLaren	2			2
Jeff Faulkner	2			2
Robert Markovac	2			2
Gary Clark	2			2
Carl Gilder	1			1
Noel Mitten	1			1
Shaun Parton			1	1
SYDNEY CROATIA				
Robbie Slater	9	3		12
Graham Arnold	7	3	1	11
Mark Jones	6	2		8
Zarko Odzakov	6			6
Ante Rumora	2			2
Shane Clinch			1	1
SYDNEY OLYMPIC				
John Kosmina	7			7
Chris Kalantzis	4			4
Vince Estavillo	4			4
Gary Phillips	3			3
Stuart Johnston	2			2
Terry Patalis	2			2
Peter Raskopoulos	1			1
Robert Hooker	1			1
David Ratcliffe	1			1
George Haniotis	1			1
Tony Dakos	1			1

MELBOURNE CROATIA'S ANSETT SHIELD

Melbourne Croatia proved flyaway winners of the Ansett Shield, when they defeated Sydney Croatia 1-0 at the St George Stadium.

For the Melbourne side it was a double up event as they had won the trophy when it was contested for the first time in Melbourne the previous year.

Outstanding as the backbone of the winners was Robbie Dunn, whilst young goalkeeper Mirko Runje had what could well have been one of his best games of the year.

Melbourne Croatia was prepared to soak up the pressure, with those excellent defenders George Hannah, Dave McIntosh, Allan Davidson and Dunn regularly on the job.

When the heat went on the referee, Gary Power, served out five yellow cards in 11 minutes.

Alan Scott, the $15,000 buy from Adelaide Hellas, initiated the Melbourne goal.

Dunn was well-placed in front of goal to head down the winner from Scott's corner.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, Davidson, McIntosh, Dunn, Hannah, Talajic (Humble 20), Lewis, Biskic, MacLean, Scott, Lemezina.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Rozic, Jennings, Vletstra, Jones, Clinch (Jurin 77), Slater, Savor, Arnold, Odzakov, Lamond.

Referee: G. Power.

Crowd: 5100.

NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLES

1977

Sydney City	13	11	2	52	28	37
Marconi	15	7	4	42	21	37
Heidelberg	12	8	6	41	23	32
Adelaide City	12	7	7	50	31	31
Western Suburbs	11	7	8	38	29	29
St George	11	14	5	39	35	28
West Adelaide	8	10	8	38	32	26
Footscray JUST	9	6	11	36	39	24
Brisbane Lions	9	5	12	27	41	23
Brisbane City	8	6	12	30	35	22
South Melbourne	7	8	11	27	35	22
Sydney Olympic	7	7	12	25	38	21
Canberra City	5	7	14	22	39	17
Mooroolbark	5	5	16	31	61	15

1978

West Adelaide	16	4	6	42	27	36
Sydney City	15	5	6	49	27	35
South Melbourne	12	8	6	45	30	32
Marconi	12	6	8	46	31	30
Heidelberg	9	8	9	39	39	26
Brisbane Lions	8	10	8	37	39	26
St George	11	3	12	41	40	25
Sydney Olympic	9	7	10	35	43	25
Western Suburbs	9	6	11	41	45	24
Adelaide City	9	6	11	38	44	24
Newcastle KB Utd	6	10	10	33	40	22
Footscray JUST	7	8	11	29	37	22
Canberra City	5	10	11	28	41	20
Brisbane City	7	3	16	29	49	17

1979

BP: Bonus points for win by 4 goals or more.
TP: Total points

Marconi	15	6	5	58	32	36	4 40
Heidelberg	14	7	5	44	30	35	1 36
Sydney City	15	3	8	48	30	33	1 34
Brisbane City	14	5	7	38	30	33	11 34
Adelaide City	13	6	7	43	27	32	1 33
Newc KB Utd	11	9	6	43	30	31	1 32
West Adel	10	4	12	28	31	24	1 25
APIA-Leich	11	3	12	29	37	25	0 25
Brisb Lions	8	6	12	28	40	22	0 22
Foots JUST	8	3	15	29	43	19	1 20
St George	7	6	13	27	43	20	0 20
Canberra City	6	8	12	25	41	20	0 20
Syd Olympic	7	5	14	23	30	19	0 19
South Melb	6	13	17	26	45	15	1 16

1980

Sydney City	16	5	5	5	26	37
Heidelberg	15	16	5	55	33	36
South Melbourne	15	5	6	42	21	35
Marconi	14	6	6	53	32	34
Adelaide City	13	4	9	39	26	30
Newcastle KB Utd	12	6	8	32	31	30
Brisbane Lions	7	11	8	28	32	25
APIA-Leichhardt	8	7	11	27	35	23
Footscray JUST	7	9	10	32	41	23
Canberra City	7	7	12	34	33	21
Blacktown City	9	3	14	34	55	21
Brisbane City	4	10	12	29	36	18
West Adelaide	7	3	16	24	46	17
St George	5	4	17	32	65	14

1981

Sydney City	19	5	6	59	30	43
South Melbourne	13	13	4	41	27	39
Brisbane City	12	11	7	37	25	35
APIA-Leichhardt	12	11	7	39	33	35
Canberra Arrows	13	7	10	41	32	33
Brisbane Lions	11	11	8	41	33	33
Adelaide City	13	6	11	46	42	32
Heidelberg	12	7	11	4 8	40	31
Sydney Olympic	11	9	10	56	46	31
Newcastle KB Utd	11	8	11	41	41	30
Wollongong City	8	12	10	35	39	28
Preston Makedonia	9	7	14	39	41	25
Footscray JUST	9	7	14	32	48	25
Marconi	9	7	14	23	45	21
Blacktown City	6	9	15	32	47	21
West Adelaide	5	4	21	26	57	14

1982

Sydney City	20	5	5	68	28	45
St George	14	8	8	47	40	36
Wollongong City	16	3	11	43	46	35
Heidelberg	13	8	9	42	37	34
Preston Makedonia	12	10	8	45	41	34
Sth Melbourne	11	9	10	46	37	31
APIA-Leichhardt	12	7	11	49	54	31
Sydney Olympic	12	6	12	52	42	30
West Adelaide	10	8	12	44	40	28
Marconi	12	4	14	44	43	28
Brisbane Lions	10	8	12	39	42	28
Newcastle KB Utd	10	7	13	43	52	27
Adelaide City	6	12	12	36	44	24
Footscray JUST	5	14	11	34	46	24
Canberra City	7	10	13	37	54	24
Brisbane City	5	11	14	32	55	21

1983

★ *Three points a win*

St George	15	10	5	47	27	55
Sydney City	15	9	6	48	30	54
Preston Makedonia	15	7	8	47	32	52
South Melbourne	15	7	8	44	36	52
Newc Rosebud Utd	14	7	9	45	26	49
Heidelberg	11	10	9	39	38	43
Sydney Olympic	12	5	13	38	36	41
APIA-Leichhardt	11	6	13	43	36	29
Marconi	9	11	10	43	41	38
Canberra Olympians	11	5	14	37	38	36
Adelaide City	10	6	14	37	38	36
Footscray JUST	9	912	25	42	36	
West Adelaide	7	12	11	25	37	33
Brisbane City	8	9	13	33	50	33
Wollongong City	4	15	11	41	55	27
Brisbane Lions	6	8	16	36	61	26

1984

SOUTHERN DIVISION

South Melbourne	18	4	6	48	20	40
Heidelberg	14	7	7	37	27	35
Melbourne Croatia	13	7	8	38	36	30
Brisbane Lions	12	6	10	38	36	30
Brunswick Utd	13	4	11	36	42	30
Preston Makedonia	11	6	11	42	33	28
Adelaide City	10	5	13	33	34	25
Footscray JUST	10	5	13	29	33	25
Green Gully	9	6	13	34	36	24
West Adelaide	8	5	15	40	52	21
Brisbane City	8	5	15	40	52	21
Sunshine GC	5	6	17	24	57	16

Grand final: SM Hellas 4 Heidelberg Alexander 2

NORTHERN DIVISION

Sydney City	17	8	3	67	21	42
Sydney Olympic	16	8	4	61	27	40
Marconi	12	8	8	58	39	32
APIA-Leichhardt	12	8	8	43	35	32
Blacktown City	12	6	10	43	48	30
Sydney Croatia	8	11	9	32	38	27
Penrith City	8	10	10	29	41	26
Newc Rosebud Utd	11	4	13	35	52	26
Canberra	12	1	15	47	39	25
St George	8	9	11	38	41	25
P'matta Melita Eagles	8	8	12	38	14	
Wollongong City	5	5	18	22	59	15

Grand final: Syd Olympic 2 Syd City 1

National Final

First leg: Sth Melb. 2 Sydney Olympic 1 (in Melbourne)
Second leg: Sydney Olympic 1 Sth Melb. 2 (in Sydney)
CHAMPION: Sth Melb

1985

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Sth Melbourne	14	5	3	38	20	33
Brunswick Juve	11	7	4	33	19	29
Heidelberg	10	7	5	29	17	27
Melb Croatia	9	6	7	29	21	24
Preston Makedonia	9	6	7	30	28	24
Sunshine GC	8	7	7	25	22	23
Brisbane Lions	9	4	9	29	29	18
Green Gully	6	6	10	24	29	18
Adelaide City	6	6	10	29	35	18
West Adelaide	6	5	11	24	37	17
Brisbane City	6	5	11	25	42	16
Footscray JUST	5	1	15	25	41	12

Grand final: Brunswick Juve 2 Preston 1

NORTHERN DIVISION

Sydney City	15	5	2	42	19	35
Sydney Croatia	14	5	3	50	22	39
Marconi	11	7	2	44	23	29
Sydney Olympic	12	3	7	29	25	27
St George	7	8	7	31	26	22
Canberra Olympians	8	6	8	33	35	22
Inter-Monaro	7	6	9	29	37	20
Blacktown City	7	4	11	30	34	16
APIA-Leichhardt	7	2	13	20	34	16
Wollongong City	5	6	11	29	46	16
Penrith City	4	5	12	24	35	13
Newcastle Rosebud	4	4	14	20	45	12

National Final

First Leg: Brunswick Juventus 1 Sydney City 0 (in Sydney)
Second Leg: Brunswick Juventus 1 Sydney City 0 (in Melbourne)
CHAMPION: Brunswick Juventus.

National Cup Finals

1978: Brisbane City 2 (Kelso, Pimblett) Adelaide City 1 (Matic) in Brisbane.
1979: Adelaide City 3 (J. Nyskohus 2, B. Nyskohus) St George 2 (O'Connor, J. O'Shea), in Adelaide.
1980: Heidelberg 0 Marconi 0 after extra time in Melbourne.
REPLAY: Marconi 3 (G. Byrne, Krncevic, Sharne) Heidelberg 0 in Sydney.
1981: Brisbane Lions 3 (Daunt, Ferris, Williamson) West Adelaide 1 (Topaz) in Canberra.
1982: APIA-Leichhardt 2 (McBreen, Butler) Heidelberg 1 (Campbell) in Melbourne.
1983: TWO-LEG FINAL:
Sydney Olympic 1 (Patalis) Heidelberg 0 in Sydney.
Sydney Olympic 1 (Patalis) Heidelberg 0 in Melbourne.
1984: Newcastle Rosebud 1 (Todd) Melbourne Croatia 0 in Melbourne.
1985: Sydney Olympic 2 (Soper, Raskopoulos) Preston Makedonia 1 (Cole) in Sydney.
1986: Sydney City 3 (Farina 2, Kosmina) Adelaide Hellas 2 (Hristodoulou 2) in Adelaide.
1987: 2-LEG FINAL Sydney Croatia 1 (Slater), South Melbourne Hellas 0 in Sydney. Sydney Croatia 1 (Arnold) South Melbourne Hellas 0 in Melbourne.

Top Four Finals

1978: Sydney City 4 (Smith, Watson, Trenter, Campbell) Marconi 2 (Ollerton, Vieri) in Sydney.
1979: TWO-LEG FINAL:
Sydney City 1 (M. Silva) Brisbane City 0 in Sydney.
Brisbane City 1 (Kelso) Sydney City 1 (Trenter) in Brisbane.
1980: Heidelberg 4 (Cole 3, Paton) Sydney City 0 in Canberra.
1982: St George 3 (Marton 3) Sydney City 1 (Kosmina) in Penrith.

Top Scorers

1977: Dixie Deans (Ad.City) 16
1978: Ken Boden (Newc) & Clive Eaton (West. Subs) 14 each.
1979: Mark Jankovics (Marc) 18.
1980: Gary Cole (Heid) 21.
1981: Gary Cole (Heid) 16.
1982: John Kosmina (Syd. C) 23.
1983: Doug Brown (Sth Melb) 16.
1984: Doug Brown (Sth Melb) 22.
1985: Charlie Egan (Sth Melb) 21.
1986: Graham Arnold (Syd, Croatia) 16.
1987: Frank Farina (Marconi) 16.

1986

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Brunswick Juve	11	6	5	37	21	28
Footscray JUST	10	8	4	29	27	28
Adelaide City	10	7	5	32	19	27
Sunshine GC	8	11	3	26	17	27
Heidelberg	9	8	5	35	25	26
Preston	8	9	5	30	20	25
South Melbourne	10	5	7	27	20	25
Brisbane Lions	7	5	10	27	29	19
Adelaide Hellas	7	4	11	26	34	18
Melbourne Croatia	6	6	10	25	33	18
Brisbane City	3	7	12	18	46	13
Green Gully	2	6	14	16	38	10

Grand final: Adelaide C 2 Footscray JUST 1

NORTHERN DIVISION

Sydney Croatia	14	4	4	43	18	32
Sydney Olympic	9	9	4	33	22	27
St George	11	5	6	33	29	27
Marconi	9	7	6	35	23	25
Sydney City	8	8	6	36	27	24
Newcastle	9	6	7	36	33	24
APIA-Leichhardt	9	6	7	25	23	24
Wollongong City	9	5	8	26	25	23
Blacktown City	8	4	10	24	36	20
Canberra Olympians	5	6	11	21	27	16
Canterbury-M'ville	2	7	13	17	41	11
Inter-Monaro	3	5	14	18	43	11

Grand final: Sydney Olympic 3 St George 2

National Final

First leg: Adelaide C 0 Sydney Olympic 1 (in Adelaide).
Second leg: Sydney Olympic 1 Adelaide City 3 (in Sydney).
Champion: Adelaide City.

FARINA IS WIDELY ACCLAIMED

To be chosen as Players' Player of the Year was a magnificent achievement for the West End NSL's topscorer, Frank Farina.

It was a first for the National League to conduct the award, and there was no doubt it was a popular choice.

WINNER! Socceroo and Marconi striker FRANK FARINA.

The trophy was handed over by none less than the Prime Minister of Australia, Bob Hawke.

Over the domestic season Farina collected 19 goals, 16 of them in the league, one in the cup and another two in the grand final series, with a fair few others in pre-season matches and internationals.

For quite a while Farina breathed down the neck of Apia's Rod Brown.

In fact it was only right at the post when he forged ahead.

It took a hat-trick in Marconi's final round game against mighty Sydney Croatia to shoot him two ahead of Rod Brown, who unluckily had to contend with an injury spell over the last games of the year.

Farina first attracted attention as a youngster in the Far North Queensland town of Mareeba, in the Cairns hinterland.

At Canberra City he created a great impression, so he was soon snapped up to join the feared Sydney City attack.

His youthful energy and pace led him through to Socceroo selection, although for a start he tended to find the sidenetting far more than the back of the net!

But the ability was there. Marconi pounced with a $32,000 offer for his services for the 1987 season and the goals began to flow more freely both on the club scene and in the international arenas.

Other Awards

Topscorer, Players' Player of the Year Farina was also SBS Television's Most Entertaining Player.

Australia's future depends on youth, and John Markovski just edged out his Sunshine George Cross team-mate Paul Trimboli in the NSL under 21 Player of the Year Award.

When it came to the Youth League section the honours went to George Slifkas in the south and Zoran Ilic in the north.

The other two major awards came as no surprise Apia-Leichhardt supremo Rale Rasic was voted Coach of the Year, just 11 years after he had been previously honoured in the NSL's first year.

And Referee of the Year Donald Campbell was voted in for the third successive year, a record that speaks for itself.

NATIONAL AWARDS OVER THE YEARS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

"The Wedgwood Bowl"

1977 Jimmy Rooney
1978 Ken Boden
1979 Ivo Prskalo
1980 Jim Hermiston
1981 Bobby Russell
1982 Peter Katholos
1983 Joe Watson
1984 Sergio Melta
1985 Graham Honeyman
1986 Graham Arnold
1987 Frank Farina

UNDER 21 PLAYER

1977 John Kosmina
1978 Ian Souness
1979 Eddie Krncevic
1980 John Spanos
1981 David Mitchell
1982 David Lowe
1983 Oscar Crino
1984 Anthony Franken
1985 Alan Hunter
1986 Ernie Tapai
1987 John Markovski

MOST ENTERTAINING

"The S.B.S. Trophy"

1983 Frank Farina
1984 Chris Kalantzis
1985 Oscar Crino
1986 Ernie Tapai
1987 Frank Farina

COACH OF THE YEAR

1977 Rale Rasic
1978 Gerry Chaldi
1979 Les Scheinflug
1980 John Margaritis
1981 Eddie Thomson
1982 Frank Arok
1983 Frank Arok
1984 Eddie Thomson
1985 Eddie Thomson
1986 Dragoslav Sekularac
1987 Rale Rasic

REFEREE OF THE YEAR

1978 Peter Rampley
1979 Tony Boskovic
1980 Peter Rampley
1981 Tim Davies
1982 Tony Boskovic
1983 Stuart Mellings
1984 Doug Rennie
1985 Donald Campbell
1986 Donald Campbell
1987 Donald Campbell

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1983 Jamie Dummett
1984 Manis Lamond (Northern Division)
1984 Manny Anezakis (Southern Division)
1985 Sean Fudge (Northern Division) George Ketsakis (Southern Division)
1986 Paul Trimboli (Northern Division) Nick Ousalkas (Southern Division)
1987 Zoran Ilic (Northern Division) George Slifkas (Southern Division)

Beach Fashions Cup

Sydney Croatia, the earlier championship favourites who faded mid-season, were too consistent over two legs in the Beach Fashions Cup final.

The two 1-0 wins gave Sydney Croatia the cup, but South Melbourne Hellas could regard themselves as unlucky in the light of their excellent form from the kick-off into the second half of the initial encounter at St George Stadium.

The Melbourne outfit exuded class as they stroke the ball around to leave the Sydney-siders floundering.

There was an air of authority with the Hellas side, with midfielders Danny Crainie, Paul Wade and Richard Miranda leading the way.

Greg Woodhouse was superb in Croatia's goal, but it was left to striker Robbie Slater to do the damage in the 85th minute.

Graham Arnold provided the opening and Slater was close in to do the rest.

The return encounter at Olympic Park failed to produce the fireworks that had characterised the first game.

South Melbourne had been expected to revel in their home city advantage, but it was the Sydney Croatia crew who dominated.

Mark Jones, a greatly matured midfield youngster with a propensity for scoring, rock-solid Wally Savor as well as Arnold and Slater characterised their team's confident outlook.

It was left to Arnold to score the goal after a valiant breakthrough by one-time Preston Makedonia star, Zarko Odzakov.

FIRST LEG

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, Savor, Vlietstra, Rozic, Jennings, Jones, Odzakov, Rumora, Arnold, Slater, Lamond (Clinch 55th).
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Anezakis, Postecoglou, Miranda, Wade, McDowall, Crainie, Egan, Wright.
Referee: Rob Davies.
Crowd: 3,845.

RETURN LEG

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Anezakis, Blair, Miranda (Tasios 72), McDowall, Wade, Crainie, Wright, Egan.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, Rezo, Jennings, Vlietstra, Rozic, Slater, Savor, Arnold, Jones, Rumora, Odzakov.

PATH TO THE FINAL

ROUND 1: Adelaide City I (S. Melta) 3 pen Sunshine George Cross 1 (S. Parton) 0 pen. Melbourne Croatia 4 (J. Campbell, P. Lewis, A. Humble, D. McIntosh) Brunswick Juventus 0. Preston Makedonia 2 (I. Dobson, Smith) Footscray 1 (O. Latif). Sydney Croatia 2 (G. Arnold, R. Slater) Apia-Leichhardt 1 (Ward). St George 0, 5 pen. Sydney Olympic 0, 3 pen.

QUARTER FINALS: South Melbourne 2 (Wright, Postecoglou) Preston 0. Sydney Croatia 3 (G. Arnold, M. Jones, R. Slater) St George 0. Heidelberg 5 (L. McKinna 2, P. Tsolakis 2, J. Anastasiadis) Melbourne Croatia 0. Marconi 1 (Z. Nastevski) Sunshine George Cross 0.

SEMI-FINALS: South Melbourne 4 (C. Egan 3, C. Halford) Marconi 1 (Farina). Sydney Croatia 1 (M. Jones) 5 pen. Heidelberg 1 (Rozic o.g.) 4 pen.

FINAL: First leg: Sydney Croatia 1 (R. Slater) South Melbourne 0. Second leg: Sydney Croatia 1 (G. Arnold) South Melbourne 0.

NATIONAL AWARDS

1) Apia president Joe Prestia says a few words on behalf of his championship-winning club as coach Rale Rasic keeps a firm grip on the league trophy. At far right is Australia's prime minister, Mr Bob Hawke.

2) Apia captain Arno Bertogna accepts the plaudits for his award.
3) Marconi's man of the moment — Frank Farina (centre) has just collected his 'Most Entertaining Player' award and is pictured with SBS-TV's Les Murray (right) and Andrew Paschalidis.
4) Apia coach Rale Rasic accepts congratulations and the championship trophy from prime minister Hawke.

1988 NSL FIXTURES

ROUND 1

FRIDAY JANUARY 29, 8PM

Footscray	v	Apia Leichhardt	Olympic Park

SATURDAY JANUARY 30, 8PM

Marconi	v	Sunshine G.C.	Marconi Stadium

6PM

Melb. Croatia	v	Brisbane Lions	Olympic Park

7.30PM

Sydney Olympic	v	Sydney Croatia	Parramatta Stad.

SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 5.30PM

Wollongong City	v	St George	Brandon Park

6PM

Preston Make	v	Sth Melbourne	Connor Reserve

7.30PM

Adelaide City	v	Brunswick Juve	Hindmarsh Stad.

ROUND 2

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6, 6PM

Brunswick Juve	v	Footscray	Olympic Village
Brisbane Lions	v	Marconi	Richlands Stad.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 5.30PM

Wollongong City	v	Preston Make	Brandon Park

7.30PM

St George	v	Adelaide City	St George Stad.

6PM

Sth Melbourne	v	Melb. Croatia	Middle Park Stad.

5PM

Apia Leichhardt	v	Sydney Olympic	Wentworth Park

7PM

Sydney Croatia	v	Sunshine G.C.	Croatian Sports C.

ROUND 3

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13, 6PM

Melbourne Croatia	v	St George	Olympic Park*

7.30PM

Adelaide City	v	Wollongong City	Hindmarsh Stad.
Sydney Olympic	v	Brisbane Lions	Parramatta Stad.

8PM

Marconi	v	Brunswick Juve	Marconi Stadium
Preston Make	v	Sydney Croatia	Olympic Park*

6PM

Sunshine G.C.	v	Apia-Leichhardt	Skinner Reserve

SYDNEY CROATIA's ROBBIE SLATER (right) outpaces HEIDELBERG UNITED's CLAUDE LUCCHESI during a 1987 West End National Soccer League clash at Melbourne's Olymplc Village. The Bergers are now cooling their heels in the Victorian State League after relegation.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14, 6PM

Footscray	v	Sth Melbourne	Schintler Reserve

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ROUND 4

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20, 6PM

Brisbane Lions	v	Sunshine G.C.	Richlands Stad.
Brunswick Juve	v	Sydney Olympic	Olympic Park*

8PM

Sydney Croatia	v	Apia Leichhardt	Croatian Sports C.
Sth Melbourne	v	Marconi	Olympic Park*

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21, 5.30PM

Wollongong City	v	Melb. Croatia	Brandon Park

6PM

Preston Make	v	Adelaide City	Connor Reserve

7PM

St George	v	Footscray	St George Stad.

ROUND 5

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27, 6PM

Melb. Croatia	v	Preston Make	Olympic Park*
Sunshine G.C.	v	Brunswick Juve	Skinner Reserve

7.30PM

Sydney Olympic	v	Sth Melbourne	Parramatta Stad.

8PM

Sydney Croatia	v	Adelaide City	Croatian Sports C.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 6PM

Marconi	v	St George	Schinther Reserve

6PM

Footscray	v	Wollongong City	Olympic Park

5PM

Apia-Leichhardt	v	Brisbane Lions	Wentworth Park

Up, up and away! Apia's extrovert goalkeeper Tony Pezzano does his best Superman imitation, as he flies through the air with the greatest of ease against Brunswick Juventus.

From left: Leichhardt's Jean-Paul de Marigny and Peter Tredinnick and Brunswick's Joe Palatsides, Andrew Zinni and John Yzendoorn.

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ROUND 6
SATURDAY MARCH 5, 6PM

Brisbane Lions	v	Sydney Croatia	Richlands Stad.

SUNDAY MARCH 6, 5.30PM

Wollongong City	v	Marconi	Brandon Park

6PM

St George	v	Sydney Olympic	St George Stad.

SATURDAY MARCH 12, 6PM

Brunswick Juve	v	Apia Leichhardt	Olympic Village

SUNDAY MARCH 13, 4PM

Adelaide City	v	Melb. Croatia	Olympic Sports F.

6PM

Preston Makedonia	v	Footscray	Connor Reserve
Sth Melbourne	v	Sunshine G.C.	Middle Park

ROUND 7
SATURDAY MARCH 19, 6PM

Brisbane Lions	v	Brunswick Juve	Richlands Stad.

8PM

Marconi	v	Preston Make	Marconi Stad.

5PM

Apia Leichhardt	v	Sth Melbourne	Wentworth Park

SUNDAY MARCH 20, 4PM

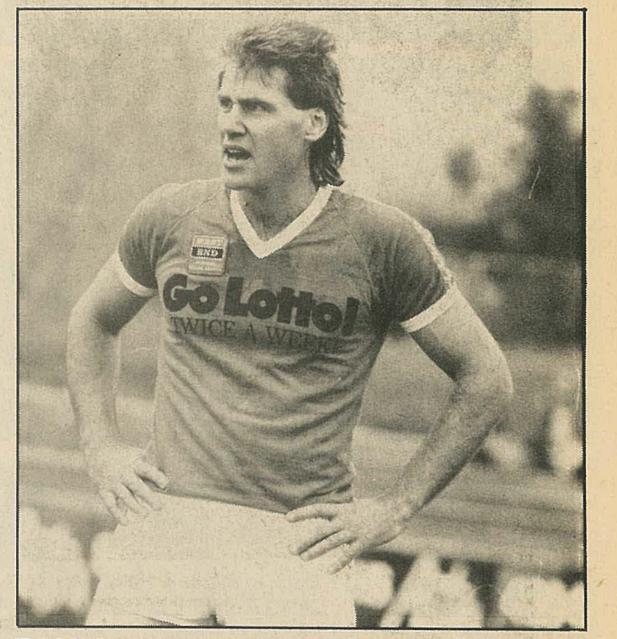
Sunshine G.C.	v	St George	Chaplin Reserve
Footscray	v	Adelaide City	Schintler Reserve
Melb. Croatia	v	Sydney Croatia	Olympic Park

7.30PM

Sydney Olympic	v	Wollongong City	Sydney Football S.

ROUND 8
SUNDAY MARCH 27

Melb. Croatia	v	Footscray	Olympic Park
Adelaide City	v	Marconi	Olympic Sports F.
Preston Make	v	Sydney Olympic	Connor Reserve
St George	v	Apia Leichhardt	St George Stad.
Sth Melbourne	v	Brisbane Lions	Middle Park
Sydney Croatia	v	Brunswick Juve	Croatian Sports C.
Sunshine G.C.	v	Wollongong City	Chaplin Reserve



IF LOOKS COULD KILL! St.George's STEVE 'ROCKY' O'CONNOR gives an opponent a good old fashioned glare. Or was it the referee?!

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Craig Moffitt, Mike O'Shea and Claude Lucchesi dispute possession during a Saints — Heidelberg match in 1987.

ROUND 9
SUNDAY APRIL 3

Brisbane Lions	v	St George	Richlands Stad.
Apia-Leichhardt	v	Wollongong City	Wentworth Park
Sunshine G.C.	v	Preston Make	Chaplin Reserve
Sydney Olympic	v	Adelaide City	Sydney Football S.
Marconi	v	Melb. Croatia	Marconi Stadium
Brunswick Juve	v	Sth Melbourne	Olympic Village
Footscray	v	Sydney Croatia	Schintler Reserve

ROUND 10
SUNDAY APRIL 10

Footscray	v	Marconi	Schintler Reserve
Melb. Croatia	v	Sydney Olympic	Olympic Park
Adelaide City	v	Sunshine G.C.	Olympic Sports F.
Preston Make	v	Apia-Leichhardt	Connor Reserve
Wollongong City	v	Brisbane Lions	Brandon Park
St George	v	Brunswick Juve	St George Stad.
Sydney Croatia	v	Sth Melbourne	Croatian Sports C.

ROUND 11
SUNDAY APRIL 17

Sth Melbourne	v	St George	Middle Park
Brunswick Juve	v	Wollongong City	Olympic Village*
Brisbane Lions	v	Preston Make	Richlands Stad.
Apia-Leichhardt	v	Adelaide City	Wentworth Park
Sunshine G.C.	v	Melb. Croatia	Chaplin Reserve
Sydney Olympic	v	Footscray	Sydney Football S.
Marconi	v	Sydney Croatia	Marconi Stad.

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ROUND 12

SUNDAY APRIL 24

Preston Make	v	Brunswick Juve	Connor Reserve
Marconi	v	Sydney Olympic	Marconi Stadium
Footscray	v	Sunshine G.C.	Schintler Reserve
Melb. Croatia	v	Apia-Leichhardt	Olympic Park
Adelaide City	v	Brisbane Lions	Olympic Sports F.
Wollongong City	v	Sth Melbourne	Brandon Park
St George	v	Sydney Croatia	St George Stad.

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ROUND 13

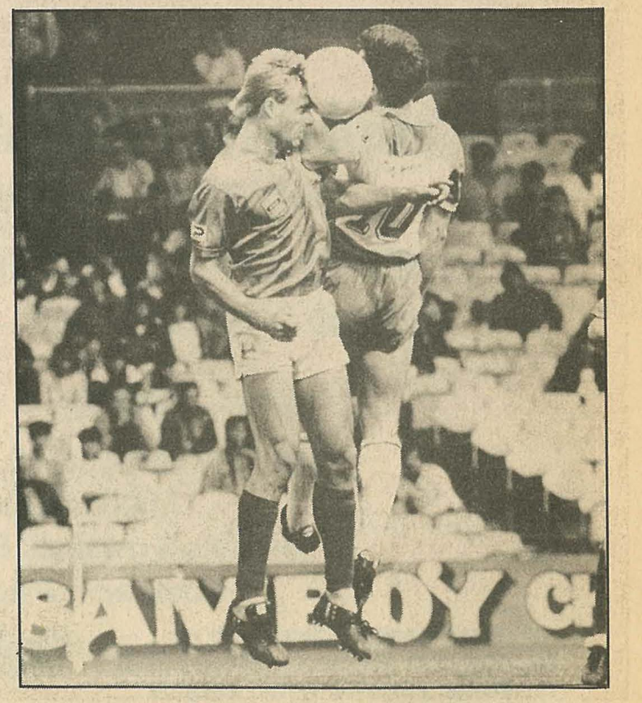
SUNDAY MAY 1

St George	v	Wollongong City	St George Stad.
Sth Melbourne	v	Preston Make	Middle Park
Brunswick Juve	v	Adelaide City	Olympic Village*
Brisbane Lions	v	Melb. Croatia	Richlands Stad.
Apia-Leichhardt	v	Footscray	Wentworth Park
Sunshine G.C.	v	Marconi	Chaplin Reserve
Sydney Croatia	v	Sydney Olympic	Croatian Sports C.

ROUND 14

SUNDAY MAY 8

St George	v	Preston Make	St George Stad.
Sunshine G.C.	v	Sydney Olympic	Chaplin Reserve
Apia-Leichhardt	v	Marconi	Wentworth Park
Brisbane Lions	v	Footscray	Richlands Stad.
Brunswick Juve	v	Melb. Croatia	Olympic Village
Sth Melbourne	v	Adelaide City	Middle Park
Wollongong City	v	Sydney Croatia	Brandon Park



Ray Vlietstra of Sydney Croatia (now transferred back to Wollongong beats South Melbourne's Brisbane Import Danny Wright to a header.

ROUND 15

SUNDAY MAY 15

Preston Make	v	Wollongong City	Connor Reserve
Adelaide City	v	St George	Olympci Sports F.
Melb. Croatia	v	Sth Melbourne	Olympic Park
Footscray	v	Brunswick Juve	Schintler Reserve
Marconi	v	Brisbane Lions	Marconi Stad.
Sydney Olympic	v	Apia-Leichhardt	Sydney F'ball G.
Sunshine G.C.	v	Sydney Croatia	Chaplin Reserve

ROUND 16

SUNDAY MAY 22

St George	v	Melb. Croatia	St George Stad.
Wollongong City	v	Adelaide City	Brandon Park
Apia-Leichhardt	v	Sunshine G.C.	Wentworth Park
Brisbane Lions	v	Sydney Olympic	Richlands Stad.
Brunswick Juve	v	Marconi	Olympic Village
Sth Melbourne	v	Footscray	Middle Park
Sydney Croatia	v	Preston Make	Croatian Sports C.

*Subject to change

ROUND 17

SUNDAY MAY 29

Adelaide City	v	Preston Make	Olympic Sports F.
Melb. Croatia	v	Wollongong City	Olympic Park
Footscray	v	St George	Schintler Reserve
Marconi	v	Sth Melbourne	Marconi Stad.
Sydney Olympic	v	Brunswick Juve	Sydney F'ball G.
Sunshine G.C.	v	Brisbane Lions	Chaplin Reserve
Apia-Leichhardt	v	Sydney Croatia	Wentworth Park

ROUND 18

SUNDAY JUNE 5

St George	v	Marconi	St George Stad.
Wollongong City	v	Footscray	Brandon Park
Preston Make	v	Melb. Croatia	Connor Reserve
Brisbane Lions	v	Apia-Leichhardt	Richlands Stad.
Brunswick Juve	v	Sunshine G.C.	Olympic Village*
Sth Melbourne	v	Sydney Olympic	Middle Park
Adelaide City	v	Sydney Croatia	Olympic Sports F.

ROUND 19

SUNDAY JUNE 12

Melb. Croatia	v	Adelaide City	Olympic Park
Footscray	v	Preston Make	Schintler Reserve
Sydney Olympic	v	St George	Sydney F'ball G.
Sunshine G.C.	v	Sth Melbourne	Chaplin Reserve
Apia-Leichhardt	v	Brunswick Juve	Wentworth Park
Sydney Croatia	v	Brisbane Lions	Croatian Sports C.

MONDAY JUNE 13

Marconi	v	Wollongong City	Marconi Stad.

ROUND 20

SUNDAY JUNE 19

St George	v	Sunshine G.C.	St George Stad.
Wollongong City	v	Sydney Olympic	Brandon Park
Preston Make	v	Marconi	Connor Reserve
Adelaide City	v	Footscray	Olympic Sports F.
Brunswick Juve	v	Brisbane Lions	Olympic Village
Sth Melbourne	v	Apia-Leichhardt	Middle Park
Sydney Croatia	v	Melb. Croatia	Croatian Sports C.

*Subject to change

DANNY CRAINIE, (then South Melbourne now of Wollongong City Wolves), skips clear of a challenge from St George's CRAIG MOFFITT.

In the background STUART STEVENSON and referee DONALD CAMPBELL keep an eye on proceedings.

ROUND 21
SUNDAY JUNE 26

Footscray	v	Melb. Croatia	Schintler Reserve
Marconi	v	Adelaide City	Marconi Stad.
Sydney Olympic	v	Preston Make	Sydney F'ball S.
Wollongong City	v	Sunshine G.C.	Brandon Park
Apia-Leichhardt	v	St George	Wentworth Park
Brisbane Lions	v	Sth Melbourne	Richlands Stad.
Brunswick Juve	v	Sydney Croatia	Olympic Village*

ROUND 22
SUNDAY JULY 3

St George	v	Brisbane Lions	St George Stad.
Wollongong City	v	Apia-Leichhardt	Brandon Park
Preston Make	v	Sunshine G.C.	Connor Reserve
Adelaide City	v	Sydney Olympic	Olympic Sports F.
Melb. Croatia	v	Marconi	Olympic Park
Sth Melbourne	v	Brunswick Juve	Middle Park
Sydney Croatia	v	Footscray	Croatian Sports C.

ROUND 23
(SPLIT ROUND PLAYED JULY 10TH & 17TH)

Marconi	v	Footscray	Marconi Stad.
Sydney Olympic	v	Melb. Croatia	Sydney F'ball S.
Sunshine G.C.	v	Adelaide City	Chaplin Reserve
Apia-Leichhardt	v	Preston Make	Wentworth Park
Brisbane Lions	v	Wollongong City	Richlands Stad.
Brunswick Juve	v	St George	Olympic Village
Sth Melbourne	v	Sydney Croatia	Middle Park

ROUND 24
SUNDAY JULY 24

St George	v	Sth Melbourne	St George Stad.
Wollongong City	v	Brunswick Juve	Brandon Park
Preston Make	v	Brisbane Lions	Connor Reserve
Adelaide City	v	Apia-Leichhardt	Olympic Sports F.
Melb. Croatia	v	Sunshine G.C.	Olympic Park
Footscray	v	Sydney Olympic	Schintler Reserve
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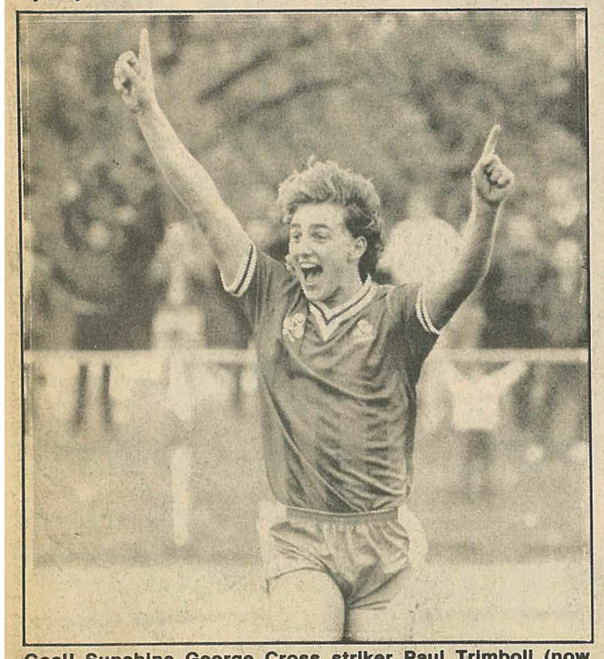

Goal! Sunshine George Cross striker Paul Trimboli (now with South Melbourne), exultant after snaring a hat-trick in a 1987 WENSL match.

ROUND 25
SUNDAY JULY 31

Sydney Olympic	v	Marconi	Sydney F'ball S.
Sunshine G.C.	v	Footscray	Chaplin Reserve
Apia-Leichhardt	v	Melb. Croatia	Wentworth Park
Brisbane Lions	v	Adelaide City	Richlands Stad.
Brunswick Juve	v	Preston Make	Olympic Village
Sth Melbourne	v	Wollongong City	Middle Park
Sydney Croatia	v	St George	Croatian Sports C.

ROUND 26
SUNDAY AUGUST 7

Preston Make	v	St George	Connor Reserve
Sydney Olympic	v	Sunshine G.C.	Sydney F'ball S.
Marconi	v	Apia-Leichhardt	Marconi Stad.
Footscray	v	Brisbane Lions	Schintler Reserve
Melb. Croatia	v	Brunswick Juve	Olympic Park
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Preston Makedonia goalkeeper Phil Trianides has the ball under finger-tip control, despite pressure from Marconi's Frank Farina (right) and Zlatko Nastevski (No.10).

SEMI-FINALS
W/ENDING AUGUST 14

ELIMINATION SEMI-FINAL — 4 v 5	(A)
PRELIMINARY SEMI-FINAL — 2 v 3	(B)

SEMI-FINALS

MINOR SEMI-FINAL — WINNER (A) v LOSER (B)	(C)
MAJOR SEMI-FINAL — WINNER (B) v 1	(D)

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W/ENDING AUGUST 28
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Croatia's Cups!

Clockwise. Starting Top Left • Ray Vletstra goes up for a header in the Beach Fashions Cup Final, with South Melbourne's Danny Wright.
• Zarko Odzakov
• Robbie Slater zips past Footscray's Ernie Tapal.
• Mark Jones makes himself known against Footscray.
• Ante Rumora (centre) and Zarko Odzakov (left) combine to shut out Sydney Olympic's now retired star, Vicente Estavillo.

THE COACHES' CHOICES

Each year Soccer expert Joe Marton mpiles a revealing list of the West d National Soccer League First and cond elevens for AUSTRALIAN OCCER WEEKLY.

The NSL coaches nominate the players, cluding any who play for their own clubs.

n addition they select the best players ey would like to sign, the opposing clubs' ach of the Year, the most valuable player d their Referee of the Year, these sections ing done on a 3-2-1 points basis.

oe Sterpin, assistant coach at Footscray, ted for Dragoslav Sekularac, who had rened to Yugoslavia.

Frank Arok selected his Australian XI, hile Len McKendry asked to name the ia-Leichhardt XI as his best.

McKendry maintains that it takes away rt of the glory of winning the title, and that much time is wasted choosing the award nners and staging end of the year dinners.

Rod Brown of Apia was selected in 10 ms, followed by team mates Jean-Paul de rigny, Charlie Yankos and Arno Bertogna ach.

ncidentally, Brown, Zarko Odzakov and nk Farina (3 votes each) are joint "most uable" players.

It is interesting that the NSL First XI comprises 10 Sydney players, although there were only five Sydney coaches voting against seven from Melbourne and one from Adelaide.

The Second XI is more widely chosen with five Sydney players, four from Melbourne and two from Adelaide.

The Coaches' Coach of the Year saw the vast majority of votes going to the three coaches whose teams finished in the top three places.

Again, Don Campbell, Chris Bambridge and Gary Power came tops as referees, with the others getting only a limited number of votes.

Here is Joe Marton's highly enlightening 1987 list.

1987 NSL XI

First team

Tony Pezzano	— APIA-L'hardt
Wally Savor	— Sydney Croatia
Jean-Paul de Marigny	— APIA-L'hardt
Charlie Yankos	— APIA-L'hardt
Arno Bertogna	— APIA-L'hardt
Paul Wade	— Sth Melbourne
Zarko Odzakov	— Sydney Croatia
Peter Katholos	— APIA-L'hardt
Frank Farina	— Marconi
Rod Brown	— APIA-L'hardt
Robbie Slater	— Sydney Croatia

Second

Jeff Olver	— Heidelberg
Alex Tobin	— Adelaide City
Robbie Hooker	— Sydney Olympic
Steve O'Connor	— St George
Robbie Dunn	— Melb. Croatia
Sergio Melta	— Adelaide City
Terry Butler	— APIA-L'hardt
Vince Estavillo	— Sydney Olympic
Graham Arnold	— Sydney Croatia
Ian Wallace	— Melb. Croatia
Andrew Zinni	— Brunswick Juv.

Coaches' Coach of the Year

1. Rale Rasic	APIA-Leichhardt	33pts
2. Ernie Merrick	Preston Makedonia	16pts
3. Frank Arok	St George	15 pts

Most Valuable Player

Rod Brown	APIA-Leichhardt
Frank Farina	Marconi
Zarko Odzakov	Sydney Croatia

3 VOTES EACH

Coaches' Referee of the Year

1. Don Campbell	22 pts
2. Chris Bambridge	18 pts
3. Gary Power	13 pts

Frank Farina

Rod Brown

Australia's coming task

OLYMPIC GAMES POINTER

The Winfield Socceroos 3-0 win over Chinese Taipei in Taipei on November 15 last provides the backdrop for the assault to secure a place in the Olympic Games football tournament finals in Seoul in September.

Graham Arnold scored twice and Frank Farina once against an opponent that has developed considerably over the past two years.

The return game takes place on February 28.

Despite every reason for confidence in future performances, the brain drain to overseas means that Australia will have to fight every inch of the way for success.

Of this coach Frank Arok and his assistant Eddie Thomson are quite certain.

The basis of a fine squad is in place and plenty of zest will be required in defence and midfield particularly.

Israel is claiming — but probably prematurely — that their overseas stars will be released to play in the qualifying rounds in Australia and New Zealand in March.

FIFA regulations only call for 48 hours notice for players to be released to national teams. However if Avi Cohen (Glasgow Rangers) is not commanding a first team club spot he could be here.

Others in question are Eli Ohana (Mechelen, Belgium), Ronnie Rosenthal (FC Bruges, Belgium), and David Pisanti (QPR, England).

Australia's Eddie Krncevic (Anderlecht, Belgium) has been sidelined with illness. It will be extremely difficult to have Jim Patikas (AEK, Greece) and David Mitchell (Feyenoord, Holland) released.

New Zealand's squad will be as eager as ever to dispose of their across-the-Tasman brothers.

The fortunate point is that the Olympic Games does not call for the winner to face a South American opponent, which is the case with the World Cup.

The West Samoans are due to meet Chinese Taipei on March 2, with the latter unbackable favourites.

The roster for the first qualifying round is:
March 6: Olympic Park, Melbourne
Australia v Israel, New Zealand v Chinese Taipei
March 9: Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide
Australia v Chinese Taipei, Israel v New Zealand
March 13: Sydney Football Stadium
Australia v New Zealand, Israel v Chinese Taipei

In New Zealand the centres will be: March 20, Christchurch; March 23, Wellington; March 27, Auckland.

New Zealand's 7-0 and 12-0 wins over Western Samoa were against island opposition, but there is no doubt that the All Whites are in great heart.

NATIONAL ROTHMANS AWARD WINNER

Architecture undergraduate and Soccer sprint champion Andrew Zinni won the third NSL Rothmans Medal from a strong Melbourne contingent.

The gold medal was presented at the Hyatt on Collins Hotel in Melbourne.

Zinni, the Brunswick Juventus striker and a Socceroo since the departure of Chris Kalantzis from the Australian scene, was modest in his acceptance of the award.

He took 27 votes from the referees and was followed by the Melbourne contingent of Paul Wade (South Melbourne) 26, Paul Trimboli (Sunshine) 24, Josip Biskic (Melbourne Croatia) 19 and Steve Blair (South Melbourne) 19.

First choice from Sydney was Apia's Rod Brown on 17, with Robbie Slater (Sydney Croatia) 16.

Previous awards:
1985 WINNER: Jim Patikas (Sydney Croatia) 28. Graham Honeyman (West Adelaide) 23, Bogdan Nyskohus (Adelaide City) 22, Robert Slater (St George) 22.
1986 WINNER: Bobby Russell (South Melbourne) 26. Arno Bertogna (Apia-Leichhardt) 24, Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia) 20, Alan Hunter (Heidelberg) 20, Tyrone James (Sunshine George Cross) 20.

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The Rothmans Medal . . .

FAIR OR FOUL?

FOR the second consecutive year, the winner of the National Rothmans Medal was in the main, not greeted with the joy one would expect of such a prestigious honour. When the name of Andrew Zinni (Brunswick Juventus) was read out as the 1987 Medalist, many began to wonder if the potential of this award would ever realise its undoubted potential. FRANK COLETTA probes and examines just WHY it has disappointed so many in the short time since its inception . . .

Nice bloke Andrew Zinni, but even he was surprised to the point of embarrassment when his name was read out as National Rothmans Medal winner, at the Hyatt on Collins in Melbourne last year.

The successful Rothmans Medalist's over the past two years, namely Bobby Russell of South Melbourne and Zinni, have bemused most in the Soccer fraternity and angered others, and it was the oft criticised referees who bore the brunt.

This sort of National award was not around in Johnny Warren's time.

Warren, a former Socceroo skipper, member of the 1974 World Cup and now widely respected Soccer personality, says: "I can't see how referees can judge player performances.

"For mine, the referees have enough on their hands controlling a game, particularly in Australia where we all admit we run one of the most physical leagues in the world," he stated.

He also goes on to query other sections of the Rothmans Medal voting system.

"Why is voting restricted to just the championship rounds, when with pre-season, National Cups, Top Five series and even the youth and senior Socceroo teams, play just as many other games as the championship in any one season. I also fail to see how a 3-2-1 voting basis is the ideal situation," mused Warren.

"A player could be the fourth best each week and never get a point. That way the consistent player rarely polls well."

Rale Rasic, championship winning coach of Apia and of whom Warren was once a protegè, agrees: "The trouble with the Rothmans Medal is, the nicer the player is to the referee, the better he can do.

"Bobby Russell, who won in 1986, got the shock of his life. 1987 winner — Andrew Zinni, is definitely the type of player/personality the game needs. He has a fine intellect and is a developing player yet he did admit that he'd had a bad season, and more to the point, his club had gone badly also.

"I find it hard to see how a striker from the lowest scoring club, and one who scored just four goals in the season, could win such a top award," claimed the former Socceroo coach.

But Zinni joined Russell and the inaugural winner Jim Patikas (1985) in the Rothmans record books and if anything the Brunswick and Socceroo flier seemed a little humbled by his triumph.

"I really did have a poor season when you look at things from the club point of view.

"A striker is there to put away goals and a club judges you on how many times you hit the net," he said.

So how did the young Brunswick Juventus star explain his medal win?

"Unfortunately we've got a name for being a team of hard men and statistically we had more red and yellow cards than any other team in 1987. If I don't get booked I guess it's easy to catch the eye of the referee and I think I only had one or two yellow cards for the season," said the 22-year-old.

"But I don't think my form was bad," he added. "In fact I thought in some ways I was playing as well as ever," concluded Zinni.

The matter that irked the Sydneysiders more than anything and they made no secret of it, was the fact that the top five in the Rothmans Medal were all Melbourne based. How this can be fathomed when four of the top five in the semi-final play-offs were Sydney clubs is beyond comprehension.

> ‘What I would like to see is ALL the season being taken into account . . .’
>
> **— JOHNNY WARREN former Socceroo captain**

Warren continues: "What I would like to see is that ALL the season be taken into consideration, the players themselves voting for their player of the year and Rothmans getting out of their considerable input, the really prestigious, fair dinkum player of the year.

"Again I do not wish to take anything away from the past, and present winners, referees or upset Rothmans, but the system desperately needs updating and revision," he ended.

A look at the other award winners and it is clear that something must be done.

Apia were national champions, yet Rod Brown could only come home in sixth spot and others such as Arno Bertogna and Peter Tredinnick did not get a look in; St.George won the national grand final, yet everyone's bet — Steve 'Rocky' O'Connor hardly registered, even though he was NSW NSL Player of the Year. Sydney Croatia won the Beach Fashions Cup and the NSW State Bank Cup and finished fifth, the best they could do was Robbie Slater in seventh. Graham Arnold was not sighted, nor was well-performed Anthony Franken, who was brilliant the whole season, but was out for the last month with injury.

1985 winner — JIM PATIKAS shows off the spoils.

Marconi made the semi-finals of the league and Beach Fashions Cup and were runners-up in the State Bank Cup, yet their best — Frank Farina (National Players' Player of the Year) scored few points.

Sydney Olympic were carried on the crest of Vicente Estavillo's wave throughout 1987, but the retired little midfielder came away empty. If any Melboune-based player was to take the award this year, it rightly should have come from Preston Makedonia, Ron Campbell or Steve Gojevic, or Melbourne Croatia's Robbie Dunn.

But the credibility of the National Rothmans Medal has taken a bit of a hammering over the past couple of year's, a rethink of the system is needed and ultimately, an upgrading of it.

Rothmans

THE HONOUR ROLL

1985—JIM PATIKAS (Sydney Croatia)
1986—BOBBY RUSSELL (Sth Melbourne)
1987—ANDREW ZINNI (Brunswick Juve)

● Opposite Page: 1987 Rothmans Medalists from around Australia. Main photo — Andrew Zinni (National winner). Top left; Richard Van Win (Qld). Centre left; Paul Harris (Vic). Bottom left; David Doorne (SA). Top right; Francis Cole (WA). Centre left; Liam Monagle (Tas). Bottom right; Alan Reis (NSW).

NSW AMBITIONS ARE PARAMOUNT

The NSW Soccer Federation has set its sails towards a point where semi-professionalism will produce higher standards of football and spectator facilities.

The end product won't come immediately, but the course has been plotted and the Board is aiming for major improvement this year.

The first grouping of grand finals for First, Second and Third Divisions was successful enough to ensure that the big day will continue.

And the venue is certain to again be the modern Parramatta Stadium.

Last season a top junior game was included in the program, and it resulted in a serving of Super Soccer for the public.

There is no doubt that more of the same could bring increased co-operation from the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

A successful way to promote the game and bring in thousands from the junior and amateur ranks must be sought.

If the formula can be founds then the game of Soccer football will start to realise its latent potential.

NSW Soccer Federation president, JOHN CONSTANTINE.

Plans are being put in place for restructuring for 1989. The priorities are well under consideration.

Advertising, promotion and marketing is being closely examined, with the need to break back into television, print media and radio being essentials on the shopping list.

Not one NSW State League club has full-time administration, which means that many of the district associations are well ahead of senior clubs in this regard.

The general quality of club coaches in under review so see what improvements, can be made in principle. Identifiable improvements can lead to a better quality of football, which is a major essential for progress.

Geographical local for major clubs is another element under review. Unless this point is firmly addressed then the great game of Soccer can only disappear into the wilderness as other sports march ahead.

There is a keen body of people who can be attracted back into the sport when it is known that general behaviour around the grounds meets the level of requirement of Australian family life.

The NSW Federation will at last take a closer look at Schools Soccer, which has advanced despite the positive fact that past administrations have tended to look the other way.

Already it is certain that the Turner under 15 schools cup will gain major sponsorship.

Indeed this year it will pull in the schools of South East Queensland as well as all NSW. Will Victorian schools be interested in future?

The Commonwealth Bank Cup could be widened to accept private as well as public schools.

The awards night will be upgraded, no doubt in conjunction with the Australian Soccer Press Association NSW Division.

On the administration front the NSW Federation will have new computer equipment, designed to produce information to match the needs of the times.

For overall success the day to day problems of minor grades should be separately handled to the imperatives of the shop front NSW State League.

NSW Second Division

POLONIA BY A MILE

It was Polonia's year in NSW Second Division, as they finished the 26 game roster on 45 points, 10 ahead of Fairy Meadow and North Bankstown, with Kingsford Hellenic a touch away on 34.

Henry Sokczyk was still on the job, backed up by players such as Stefan Janic, Paul Townson, Quyin Chau, Allan Robertson, Ian Shaw and Jerzy Drys.

It was Kingsford Hellenic, with former Socceroo wizard Joe Watson as player-coach, who defeated Polonia 2-1 in the grand final.

Barry Walker produced two sparkling headers to seal the result.

The Kingsford line-up had a National League ring about it, with John Spanos, Don McLeod, Tommy Gavin, Bernie Godzik and Arthur Svinos all on deck, not to mention the incomparable Watson and ex-State League star Jimmy Webber.

SOCCER FEDERATION N·S·W

NEW SOUTH WALES

State League begins early

With 15 major clubs on the job, the NSW State League expects to be on its way by February 28.

And before that the pre-season cup will have reached the end of its first phase.

This will involve 14 State League clubs (the Australian Institute of Sport being excluded) and six top-liners from the Second Division.

Playing groups of four, the games will be held on February 7, 14 and 21.

The second phase in April will pit the survivors against the six NSW National Soccer League clubs, who by then will have their cup commitments out of the way.

Matches are expected to be played on Wednesday nights.

Last year's State Bank Cup final drew in 10,000 fans for the Sydney Croatia 2-1 win over Marconi Stadium.

Given full commitment by all clubs and increased promotion by the NSW Federation, there is no doubt that preliminary crowds could equal or better those obtained in the average National League encounter.

Although what could be too rigid conditions imposed on the Australian Institute of Sport, there is no doubt that NSW has acted correctly in taking them under their wing.

The National Youth League was not competitive enough for the AIS squad.

Last year the Victorian Federation ruled that, to meet its constitution needs, AIS games would be non-competitive, which left the Institute floundering.

Soccer in Australia needs an AIS presence, and the management of that Institute has to be shown that Soccer appreciates and gains from its operation there.

In fact the AIS and the Commonwealth Government need financial help to assist towards the program, and to be convinced that Australian Soccer's world wide exposure and nationwide interest remains at a peak.

GRANVILLE, UNI. STAR

Granville Chile's enthusiastically supported line-up often had Garside Park resounding to victory chants as they won the NSW Third Division by three points from West United.

This year they have the chance to show their undoubted wares in Second Division company.

University of NSW and West provided a tense grand final, with the former, ending up 4-3 winners at Parramatta Stadium.

CUBS TURNED WOLVES TO WIN LEAGUE!

By ALEX VESIC

At the start of 1987 season it was obvious that the sides eager to win promotion to the West End National League were one-time members of the NSL — Melita Eagles, Wollongong City, Canberra Griffins and Blacktown City.

Blacktown City Demons decided to hire the services of the National Youth coach, Les Scheinflug, in order to give themselves the best possible chance to return to the big League.

Despite rumours from the Demons camp — that they were not ready for the NSL and had given Les some three years to come up with the goods — they seemed prepared to use the 1987 season as a testing ground before entering the NSL in 1988.

Melita Eagles went on a spending spree, hiring New Zealand's goalscoring machine Greg Brown, then Ean Rodriguez, Clint Gosling and Alex Robertson of ex-Sydney City fame.

The ranks of Melita Eagles swelled and its pre-season Cup form looked to be an ominous sign of things to come.

Canberra Griffins, with its tried and proven players such as Palacios, Reis, Sermanni and Bryant, were always going to be a difficult team to beat in Canberra, but its away form was certain to be under the microscope in the early rounds to determine its chances in the League.

Wollongong City was the fourth on the list of possible promotion chances, maybe even fifth or sixth with the likes of Rockdale Ilinden and Sutherland Shire always in with a shout.

It was difficult to see those Wollongong City 'Cubs' turn into Wolves overnight to terrorise the League and win their way back into the big time.

Amongst its top 11 players was hardly a name that would instill fear amongst the rest of the teams. The majority of them had followed coach John Fleming for years, whilst others happened to drift in since other clubs did not show much interest in them.

It didn't turn out the way it was anticipated. Despite some good early showings by the Demons and a sudden favouritism by Canberra, it was Wollongong City side that triumphed in a cliffhanger over the last few rounds.

Scheinflug will resent losing to his two best mates, Vic Fernandez of Inter Monaro and Raul Blanco of Uruguayan Penrith, in the closing stages of the premiership.

Augusto Palacios will rue his own injury, which according to Canberra proved to be their undoing in the race to the finish line.

Alan Reis, who scored goals with gay abandon during the first half of the league, managed only four goals in the last nine matches — according to Reis mostly due to lack of the kind of service in which Palacios specialises.

Melita Eagles used no less then 27 players during its campaign, yet finished a creditable fourth, with Dennis Hoggart losing his job at the end of the season as coach of this progressive club from South Granville.

And it was Wollongong City who came to the fore with an incredible second half run to take the honours.

After losing its early encounter against Blacktown City at Wollongong Showground then against Canterbury at Arlington, Wolves managed to win 15 games against one draw and a loss to lead the table with four rounds remaining.

A loss to Melita at the Showground opened the way for Canberra, but strong performances in the last three rounds coupled with an unexpected loss by Canberra against Rockdale Ilinden saw Wollongong City Wolves take the title.

NEVER IN DOUBT

Wollongong City Wolves completed their best season for years by winning the Grand Final at the Parramatta Stadium against an out-of-form and jaded Canberra Griffins.

The play-offs started with Melita Eagles threatening to do some serious damage and win the right to contest the Grand Final. But it all came to an abrupt end for them in the first sudden death play-off game, when Blacktown City defeated them 1-0.

SEMI-FINALS

Blacktown City 2 (Kay, Lee) Melita Eagles 0.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, Maier, Sterrey, Reynolds, Naumov, Denyer, Kay, Byrne, Sandy, Cotton, Lee.

MELITA EAGLES: Gosling, Cabassi, Williams, Robertson, (Wellbourn 78m), Buchanan, Sacclalotto, Rodrigues, Vial, Sertbas (Farrugia 78m), Farnsworth, Brown.

In the mean time Wollongong City won the major semi-final to enter the Grand Final by beating Canberra Griffins at home.

One solitary mistake by Steve Bryant and an opportunist sprint to intercept a back pass by Roberto Giraldi was sufficient to see Wollongong City enter the Grand Final.

Wollongong City 1 (Giraldi) Canberra Griffins 0.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Skeen, Hollfield, Dickson, Morlando, Cokely, Ainsworth, Brodnik (Kotamanidis 86m), Stefanovski, Easthorpe, Giraldi.

CANBERRA GRIFFINS: Economopoulos, Bryant, Dunn, Nelson (Willox 33m), Mazis, Suarez, P. Reis, Sermani, Junna, A. Reis, Gardikiotis.

FINAL

Blacktown City Demons outplayed Canberra Griffins in the final at Marconi Stadium, and would have won by a clear margin had it not have been for a series of near misses in front of goal.

The game ended in a 0-0 draw and was replayed the following Wednesday night with Canberra completely reversing the trend of play from its previous game to win by 2-0.

Canberra Griffins 2 (Sermanni, Willox) Blacktown City 0.

CANBERRA GRIFFINS: Economopoulos, Bryant, Mazis, Dunn, Nelson, P. Reis, Willox, (Fernandez 86m), Sermani, Junna, A. Reis, Magalanes (Gardikiotis 77m).

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, Maier, Sterrey (Sandy 74m), Reynolds, Naumov, Sharpe, Kay, Fudge, Lee, Cotton, Van Blerk.

GRAND FINAL

WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (Giraldi, Brodnik) CANBERRA GRIFFINS 1 (Magalanes).

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Kotamanidis, Despotovski (Trajcevski), Bundalo, Holifield, Easthorpe, Cokely, Ainsworth, Stevanovski, Brodnik, Giraldi.

CANBERRA GRIFFINS: Economopoulos, Bryant, Mazis, Dunn, Nelson, Popovic (Gardikiotis 61m), Junna, P. Reis, Willox (Fernandez 84m), Magalanes, A. Reis.

It was, once again, a superb performance by the Wollongong City Wolves. Losing Dickson, Skeen and Morlando with injuries and suspensions might well have been too much for anyone to cope with.

But the Wolves' reserves responded very well indeed. Trajcevski in particular stopped Canberra's feared striker Alan Reis with a superb second half performance.

But the hero of the match was without doubt Roberto Giraldi, the man who scored the opening goal and terrorised Canberra's defence throughout the game.

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ROUND 1:
Manly Warringah 1 (Cimarosti) Ku-ring-gai 0, Inter Monaro 4 (Fellizi 2, Giampaolo, Panebianco) Melita Eagles 4 (Farrugia 2, Brown, Foxman), Uruguayan Penrith 2 (Genc, Batten) Wollongong City 3 (Morlando, Easthorpe, Ainsworth), Rockdale Ilinden 0 Sutherland 0, Wollongong Macedonia 1 (Gardiner) Newcastle 2 (Penfold, Harrison), Canterbury 1 (Stamos) Canberra Griffins 1 (Palacios), Blacktown City 4 (van Blerk, Thornthwaite, Jeffrey, Ellern) Warringah Freshwater 0.

ROUND 2:
Newcastle 1 (Gresham) Blacktown City 2 (van Blerk, Kay), Inter Monaro 0 Manly Warringah 2 (Cimarosti 2), Ku-ring-gai 1 (Williams) Uruguayan Penrith 1 (Webber), Wollongong City 3 (Brodnik, Morlando, Easthorpe) Rockdale Ilinden 2 (Rodas, Darlington), Melita Eagles 1 (Brown) Canberra Griffins 1 (A. Reis), Sutherland 0 Wollongong Macedonia 0, Warringah Freshwater 4 (Dean 2, Giannone 2), Canterbury 1 (Borges).

ROUND 3:
Rockdale Ilinden 2 (Rodas, Nastoski) Ku-ring-gai 1 (Kevern), Uruguayan Penrith 5 (Batten 2, Woods, McKie, Thompson) Inter Monaro 1 (Colbertaldo), Manly Warringah 0 Melita Eagles 1 (Sertbas), Wollongong Macedonia 1 (Campbell) Wollongong City 1 (Easthorpe), Blacktown City 0 Sutherland 0, Canterbury 1 (Kalogeras) Newcastle 2 (Penfold, Caisley), Canberra Griffins 1 (A.Reis) Warringah Freshwater 0.

ROUND 4:
Newcastle 1 (M. Drysdale) Canberra Griffins 2 (A. Reis, Junna), Ku-ring-gai 2 (Williamson, Berry) Wollongong Macedonia 1 (Ruskin), Inter Monaro 2 (Giampaolo, Gaggetti) Rockdale Ilinden 0, Manly Warringah 2 (Cimarosti, Barker) Uruguayan Penrith 1 (McKie), Wollongong City 1 (Morlando) Blacktown City 3 (Thornthwaite, Jeffrey, Kay), Sutherland 1 (C. Hall) Canterbury 1 (Andromidas), Melita Eagles 0 Warringah Freshwater 1 (Knight).

ROUND 5:
Blacktown City 0 Ku-ring-gai 2 (Jeffery, Bass), Wollongong Macedonia 4 (Krkovski, P. Giraldi, Dafkovski, Campbell) Inter Monaro 3 (Panebianco, Ambrosino, Giampaolo), Rockdale Ilinden 1 (Pilovski) Manly Warringah 0, Uruguayan Penrith 3 (Genc, McKie, Woods) Melita Eagles 1 (Sertbas), Canterbury 3 (Kalogeras, Stamos, George) Wollongong City 1 (R. Giraldi), Canberra Griffins 3 (A. Reis 2, Willox) Sutherland 1 (R. O'Shea), Warringah Freshwater 1 (De Ceglie) Newcastle 2 (N. Drysdale, Penfold).

ROUND 6:
Ku-ring-gai 1 (Jeffery) Canterbury 1 (Arambasic), Inter Monaro 0 Blacktown City 4 (Van Blerk 2, Denyer, Jeffrey), Manly Warringah 1 (Williamson) Wollongong Macedonia 0, Uruguayan Penrith 0 Rockdale Ilinden 3 (Mitrevski 2, Bottalico), Wollongong City 2 (Cokely, R. Giraldi) Canberra Griffins 1 (Mazis), Sutherland 2 (Terry, Lerond) Warringah Freshwater 0, Melita Eagles 4 (Vial 2, Callanan, Rodriguez) Newcastle 0.

ROUND 7:
Newcastle 2 (Cavanah, Penfold) Sutherland 4 (Caban, Nelson, Lerond, Hall), Canberra Griffins 1 (Gonzales) Ku-ring-gai 1 (Jeffery), Canterbury 5 (Andromidas 2, Borges, Kalogeras, Arambasic) Inter Monaro 0, Blacktown City 7 (Reynolds 4, Denyer, Kay, Lee) Manly Warringah 1 (Pearce), Wollongong Macedonia 1 (Dafkovski) Uruguayan Penrith 5 (McKie 2, Batten, Bradley, Woods), Rockdale Ilinden 1 (Bottalico) Melita Eagles 1 (Vial), Warringah Freshwater 1 (Gillan) Wollongong City 3 (Cokely, Ainsworth, R.Giraldi).

ROUND 8:
Ku-ring-gai 3 (Quigley, Jeffery, Pepper) Warringah Freshwater 1 (De Ceglie), Inter Monaro 3 (Giampaolo 2, Perinovic) Canberra Griffins 5 (A. Reis 4, Gardikiotis), Uruguayan Penrith 0 Blacktown City 5 (Kay 2, Sandy, van Blerk, Jeffrey), Rockdale Ilinden 0 Wollongong Macedonia 1 (P. Giraldi), Wollongong City 2 (R. Giraldi, Easthorpe) Newcastle 1 (Caisley), Melita Eagles 3 (Brown, Callanan, Rodriguez) Sutherland 1 (Meades).

ROUND 9:
Newcastle 5 (N. .Drysdale 3, Baillie, Caisley) Ku-ring-gai 1 (Jeffery), Warringah Freshwater 0 Inter Monaro 2 (Giampaolo, Fernandez), Canberra Griffins 2 (Gonzales, Sermani) Manly Warringah 0, Canterbury 2 (Andromidas, Stamos), Uruguayan Penrith 2 (Bradley, Woods), Blacktown City 2 (Wilson o.g., Thornthwaite), Wollongong Macedonia 0 Melita Eagles 3 (Vial, Sertbas, Callanan), Sutherland 0 Wollongong City 4 (Easthorpe 2, R. Giraldi, Hristovski).

ROUND 10:
Ku-ring-gai 1 (Bass) Sutherland 1 (Meades), Inter Monaro 1 (Ambrosino) Newcastle 1 (McGuiness), Manly Warringah 0 Warringah Freshwater 2 (Radosavljevic, Fagan), Uruguayan Penrith 0 Canberra Griffins 1 (Gonzales), Rockdale Ilinden 6 (Genovese 2, Bedoni 2, Mitrevski, Bottalico) Canterbury 0, Wollongong Macedonia 1 (P.Giraldi) Blacktown City 2 (Lee, Maier), Melita Eagles 2 (Rodriguez, Callanan) Wollongong City 1 (R. Giraldi).

ROUND 11:
Newcastle 3 (Caisley 2, Milosevic) Manly Warringah 0, Sutherland 1 (Caban) Inter Monaro 1 (Perinovic), Freshwater 1 (De Ceglie) Uruguayan Penrith 2 (McKie, Genc), Canberra Griffins 3 (Gonzales 2, A. Reis) Rockdale Ilinden 1 (Genovese), Canterbury 1 (Sweeney o.g.) Wollongong Macedonia 0, Blacktown City 2 (Lee, Sandy) Melita Eagles 0.

ROUND 12:
Ku-ring-gai 2 (Jeffery, Ferguson) Melita Eagles 3 (Brown 2, Rodriguez), Inter Monaro 3 (Fernandez, Gaggetti, Perinovic) Wollongong City 3 (R. Giraldi, Dickson, Ainsworth), Manly Warringah 1 (Cimarosti) Sutherland 3 (Harrington, Caban, J. O'Shea), Uruguayan Penrith 2 (McKie, Batten) Newcastle 1 (Penfold), Rockdale Ilinden 0 Warringah Freshwater 1 (Porter), Wollongong Macedonia 0 Canberra Griffins 1 (Palacios), Blacktown City 2 (Thornthwaite 2).

ROUND 13:
Ku-ring-gai 0 Inter Monaro 1 (Perinovic), Manly Warringah 1 (Ferguson) Wollongong City 2 (Brodnik, Ainsworth), Uruguayan Penrith 1 (Bourke) Sutherland 1 (Harrington), Rockdale Ilinden 2 (Dounis, Genovese) Newcastle 1 (Gresham), Wollongong Macedonia 0 Warringah Freshwater 0, Blacktown City 0 Canberra Griffins 2 (Palacios, Junna), Canterbury 0 Melita Eagles 3 (Brown 2, Vial).

ROUND 14:
Newcastle 1 (Penfold) Wollongong Macedonia 0, Ku-ring-gai 0 Manly Warringah 0, Melita Eagles 3 (Wellbourn 2, Vial) Inter Monaro 0, Wollongong City 5 (Giraldi 2, Brodnik 2, Easthorpe) Uruguayan Penrith 0, Sutherland 1 (J. O'Shea) Rockdale Ilinden 0, Canberra Griffins 4 (Reis 2, Junna, Palacios), Warringah Freshwater 0 Blacktown City 1 (Denyer).

ROUND 15:
Uruguayan Penrith 0 Ku-ring-gai 1 (Bennett), Manly Warringah 1 (Juergens) Inter Monaro 2 (Perinovic, Ambrosino), Rockdale Ilinden 1 (Bottalico) Wollongong City 2 (Boogaard o.g. Brodnik), Wollongong Macedonia 2 (Gardiner, Kirwan) Sutherland 4 (R. O'Shea, Lerond, Meades, Hall), Blacktown City 2 (Reynolds, Cotton) Newcastle 0, Canterbury 0 Warringah Freshwater 0, Canberra Griffins 4 (Sermani 2, Reis 2) Melita Eagles 1 (Dunn og.).

ROUND 16:
Newcastle 2 (Caisley, N. Drysdale) Canterbury 0, Ku-ring-gai 1 (McKegan) Rockdale Ilinden 4 (Bottalico 3, Dounis), Inter Monaro 2 (Fernandez, Perinovic) Uruguayan Penrith 1 (Bradley), Melita Eagles 1 (Rodriguez) Manly Warringah 0, Wollongong City 1 (Easthorpe) Wollongong Macedonia 0, Sutherland 0 Blacktown City 4 (Kay 2, Reynolds, Lee), Warringah Freshwater 2 (Radosavljevic, Porter) Canberra Griffins 0.

ROUND 17:
Wollongong Macedonia 0 Ku-ring-gai 3 (Berry, Jeffery, Sutherland), Rockdale Ilinden 3 Inter Monaro 0 (forfeit), Uruguayan Penrith 4 (Hunter 2, Bradley, Batten) Manly Warringah 1 (Carrick), Blacktown City 1 (Reynolds) Wollongong City 2 (Dickson, Ainsworth), Canterbury 0 Sutherland 2 (Caban 2), Canberra Griffins 4 (Bowen og. Bryant, Reis, Suarez) Newcastle 1 (Caisley), Waringah Freshwater 1 (Porter) Melita Eagles 3 (Rodriguez 2, Meerbani).

ROUND 18:
Newcastle 4 (Cavanah 3, Caisley) Warringah Freshwater 3 (Radosavljevic, Driene, De Ceglie), Ku-ring-gai 0 Blacktown City 1 (Cotton), Inter Monaro 1 (Fernandez) Wollongong Macedonia 1 (Gardiner), Manly Warringah 0 Rockdale Ilinden 6 (Bottalico 2, Markovski 2, Dounis 2), Melita Eagles 2 (Griffiths, Brown) Uruguayan Penrith 1 (Batten), Wollongong City 3 (Easthorpe, Giraldi, Morlando) Canterbury 2 (Perdomo 2), Sutherland 0 Canberra Griffins 1 (Dunn).

ROUND 19:
Newcastle 1 (Cavanah) Melita Eagles 1 (Callanan), Canterbury 2 (Arambasic, Borges) Ku-Ring-Gai 0, Blacktown City 1 (Sandy) Inter Monaro 3 (Giampaolo, Fernandez, Perinovic), Wollongong Macedonia 1 (P. Giraldi) Manly Warringah 1 (Stuart), Rockdale Ilinden 2 (Dounis, Darlington) Uruguayan Penrith 1 (Bradley), Canberra Griffins 0 Wollongong City 1 (Brodnik), Warringah Freshwater 1 (Driene) Sutherland 0.

ROUND 20:
Ku-ring-gai 0 Canberra Griffins 1 (Bryant), Inter Monaro 12 (Perinovic 5, Giampaolo 3, Fernandez 3, Gaggetti) Canterbury 0, Manly Warringah 0 Blacktown City 5 (Lee 2, Sterrey, Maier, Reynolds), Uruguayan Penrith 3 (Batten 2, McKie) Wollongong Macedonia 0, Melita Eagles 3 (Rodriguez, Vial, Williams) Rockdale Ilinden 1 (Tortevski), Wollongong City 2 (Easthorpe, Ainsworth) Warringah Freshwater 0, Sutherland 2 (Seller, Lerond) Newcastle 1 (N.Drysdale).

ROUND 21:
Newcastle 0 Wollongong City 2 (Brodnik, Giraldi), Warringah Freshwater 1 (Porter) Ku-ring-gai 0, Canberra Griffins 5 (Reis 3, Bryant, Sermani) Inter Monaro 0, Canterbury 2 (Arambasic 2) Manly Warringah 1 (Etherington), Wollongong Macedonia 2 (Brown 2) Rockdale Ilinden 0, Sutherland 1 (Hill) Melita Eagles 3 (Vial, Sertbas, Farrugia), Blacktown City 2 (Lee, Maier) Uruguayan Penrith 3 (Batten, Genc, McKie).

ROUND 22:
Ku-ring-gai 3 (Kevern, Laurie, Jeffery) Newcastle 1 (Mountford), Inter Monaro 0 Warringah Freshwater 3 (Corrigan, Porter, Dean), Manly Warringah 0 Canberra Griffins 2 (Dennis og. Fernandez), Uruguayan Penrith 3 (Genc 2, Batten) Canterbury 0, Melita Eagles 2 (Brown, McFadden) Wollongong Macedonia 2 (Dafkovski, Ruskin), Wollongong City 1 (Morlando) Sutherland 0.

ROUND 23:
Newcastle 1 (Baillie) Inter Monaro 1 (Colbertaldo), Sutherland 2 (R.O'Shea, Sharpe) Ku-ring-gai 3 (Berry, Nile, Seller og.), Canberra Griffins 2 (Reis, Fernandez) Uruguayan Penrith (Arcosa, Genc), Canterbury 0 Rockdale Ilinden 0, Blacktown City 1 (Lee) Wollongong Macedonia 0, Wollongong City 1 (Easthorpe) Melita Eagles 2 (Farnsworth, Sertbas).

ROUND 24:
Ku-ring-gai 2 (Nile, Jeffery) Wollongong City 3 (Ainsworth, Giraldi, Brodnik), Inter Monaro 1 (Perinovic) Sutherland 2 (Caban, O'Shea), Manly Warringah 1 (Stuart) Newcastle 0, Uruguayan Penrith 1 (McKie) Warringah Freshwater 0, Rockdale Ilinden 1 (Genovese) Canberra Griffins 0, Wollongong Macedonia 3 (Brown, Gardiner, Popovski) Canterbury 2 (Perdomo, Borges), Melita Eagles 0 Blacktown City 1 (Robertson og.).

ROUND 25:
Newcastle 0 Uruguayan Penrith 2 (Bland og. Hunter), Melita Eagles 3 (Vial, Callanan, Rodriguez) Ku-ring-gai 0, Wollon-

State Bank Challenge Cup

One of Sydney Croatia's favourites, Graham Arnold, complete with the State Bank Challenge Cup, held high by a section of the Croatia club fans.

SYDNEY CROATIA ONCE AGAIN!

Sydney Croatia, pre-season cup winners in 1986, covered themselves in glory by winning the 1987 State Bank Challenge Cup.

Their ecstatic supporters saw them play a 2-1 tune on Marconi, whom most favoured to take the honours, before a 10,023 crowd at Marconi Stadium.

Robbie Slater opened the scoring by pouncing on a wayward back-pass.

The equaliser came Marconi's way through Robbie Wheatley in the 73rd minute, but it was left to Croatia's developing midfielder Mark Jones to drive home a splendid header for the winner five minutes later.

Sydney Croatia 2 (Slater 10th, Jones 78th), Marconi 1 (Wheatley 73rd).

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Savor, Rozic, Vlietstra, Jennings, Rezo, Odzakov, Jones, Clinch, Slater, Arnold.

MARCONI: James, Carter (Gunning 70m), Gomez, Henderson, Wheatley, Gray, Mason, Nastevski, Lowe, Farina, Maxwell.

Referee: G. Power. Crowd: 10,023.

Play off for 3rd place:

Blacktown City 2 (Sandy 30th, Thornthwaite 74th) Melita Eagles 1 (Callanan 83rd). Referee: R. Lorenc.

BLACKTOWN CITY: McPherson, Maier, Sterrey, Reynolds, Northam, Jeffrey, Kay (Sharpe 70th), Ellem, Naumov (Thornthwaite 55th), Sandy, van Blerk.

MELITA: Pupovac (Avellino 46th), Laing, Buchanan, Cabassi (Meerbani 75th), Smith, McFadden, Callanan, Farrugia, Vial, Brown, Ortiz.

Qualifying Rounds

GROUP "A"

Blacktown City 4 (Sandy 2, Thornthwaite, van Blerk) Wollongong Macedonia 1 (Gardiner).

Rockdale Ilinden 1 (D. Wilson) Wollongong City 1 (Stefanovski).

Wollongong City 3 (Brodnik 2, Easthorpe) Wollongong Macedonia 0.

Sydney Croatia 3 (Jones 2, Lamond) Rockdale Ilinden 0.

Blacktown City (Naumov) Wollongong City 1 (Easthorpe).

Sydney Croatia 3 (Odzakov, Vlietstra, Slater) Wollongong Macedonia 1 (Tilt).

Rockdale Ilinden 1 (Spirovski) Wollongong Macedonia 0.

Blacktown City 0 Sydney Croatia 0.

Blacktown City 1 (Ellem) Rockdale Ilinden 0.

Sydney Croatia 2 (Jones, Arnold) Wollongong City 0.

Croatia	3	1	0	8	1	7
Blacktown City	2	2	0	6	2	6
Wollongong City	1	2	1	5	4	4
Rockdale Ilinden	1	1	2	2	5	3
Wollongong Macedonia	0	0	4	2	11	0

GROUP "B"

Sydney Olympic 3 (Zervas, Estavillo, Katholos) Inter Monaro 0.

Canterbury 2 Canberra City 0 (treated as forfeit).

Sutherland 1 (Duncan Canberra City 2 (Mazis, Reis) Sutherland won on protest 2-0.

Sydney Olympic 10 (Kalantzis 3, Kosmina 3, Patallis 2, Estavillo, Kotamanidis) Canterbury 0.

Sydney Olympic 0 Sutherland 0.

Inter Monaro 0 Canterbury 0.

Inter Monaro 2 (Fernandez, Titilas) Sutherland 2 (Sharpe 2).

Sutherland 3 (Harrington, Hill, Lerond) Canterbury 1 (Arambasic).

Canberra City 3 (Bryant, Reis, Arthur og) Inter Monaro 1 (Fernandez).

Canberra City 1 (Bryant) Sydney Olympic 3 (Kalantzis, Soper, Raskopoulos).

Sydney Olympic	3	1	0	16	1	7
Sutherland	2	2	0	7	3	6
Canterbury	1	1	2	3	13	3
Canberra City	1	0	3	4	8	2
Inter Monaro	0	2	2	3	8	2

GROUP "C"

APIA 3 (Brown, Masi, Parison) Ku-ring-gai 0.

Marconi 3 (Henderson 2, Gomez) Manly Warringah 1 (Cimarosti).

Manly Warringah 1 (Pearce) Warringah Freshwater 1 (Walker).

Marconi 2 (Gunning, Gray) APIA 2 (M. Brown, Butler).

Warringah Freshwater 1 (Holloway) Ku-ring-gai 1 (N. Williamson).

Marconi 6 (Gunning 3, Maxwell 2, Mason) Warringah Freshwater 1 (Corrigan).

Marconi 4 (Gomez 2, Maxwell, Farina) Ku-ring-gai 0.

APIA 2 (R. Brown, Bertogna) Manly Warringah 2 (Lester 2).

Ku-ring-gai 4 (Fagan 2, Kevern, Pearse) Manly Warringah 1 (Stuart).

APIA 3 (Dounis 2, Baran) Warringah Freshwater 2 (Corrigan, Holloway).

Marconi	3	1	0	14	4	7
APIA	2	2	0	10	6	6
Ku-ring-gai	1	1	2	5	9	3
Manly Warringah	0	2	2	5	10	2
Warr.F'water	0	2	2	5	11	2

WHAT A SEASON!

Alan Reis of Canberra City topped the NSW State League goalscoring charts after netting 19 goals for the League season.

He was closely followed by Randell Easthorpe of Wollongong City on 16 goals, with Marko Perinovic (Inter Monaro) and Roberto Giraldi (Wollongong City) on 15 goals a piece.

Best scoring performance in a single match was by Perinovic with five goals against Canterbury Marrickville at Queanbeyan, followed by four from Alan Reis for Canberra Griffins against Inter Monaro.

Hat-tricks of the season went to the following players:

2: Alan Reis (Canberra Griffins).

1: Randell Easthorpe, Roberto Giraldi (Wollongong City), Sebastian Giampaolo, Vic Fernandez, Marko Perinovic (Inter Monaro), Nigel Drysdale, John Cavanah (Newcastle), Alex Bottalico (Rockdale Ilinden), Kurt Reynolds (Blacktown City).

Here is the list of the League's 1987 goalscorers:

19: Reis (Canberra Griffins).

16: Easthorpe (Wollongong City).

15: Perinovic (Inter Monaro), Giraldi (Wollongong City).

11: Batten (UP), G.Brown (ME).

10: Jeffery (K), Rodriguez (ME).

9: Giampaolo (IM), Bottalico (RI), Reynolds, Lee (BC), Vial (ME), McKie (UP).

8: Kay (BC), Fernandez (IM), Caisley (N), Ainsworth, Brodnik (WC).

7: Maier (BC), Callanan (ME), Caban (S), Genc (UP).

6: Van Blerk (BC), Arambasic (CM), Bryant (CG), Penfold, N.Drysdale (N), Genovese (RI).

5: Thornthwaite (BC), Gonzales, Sermani (CG), De Ceglie, Porter (WF), Cimarosti, Stuart (MW), Sertbas (ME), Cavanah (N), Dounis (RI), Bradley (UP), Morlando (WC).

4: Sandy (BC), Stamos, Andromidas (CM), Palacios (CG), Radosavljevic (WF), Rodas (RI), Lerond (S), Woods (UP), P.Giraldi (WM).

3: Cotton, Jeffrey (BC), Borges, Kalogeras, Perdomo (CM), Junna, J.Fernandez (CG), Dean, Driene (WF), Gaggetti, Ambrosino (IM), Berry (K), Farrugia (ME), Gresham (N), Mitrevski, Markovski (RI), R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea, Hall, Meades (S), Hunter (UP), Gardiner, Dafkovski, B.Brown (WM).

2: Denyer (BC), Giannone (WF), Felizzi, Panebianco, Colbertaldo (IM), N. Williamson, Kevern, Bass, Nile (K), Carrick (MW), Wellbourn (ME), Darlington, Bedoni (RI), Harrington, Nelson (S), C.Thompson (UP), Stefanovski, Cokely, Dickson (WC), Campbell, Ruskin, Kirwan, Popovski (WM).

1: Ellem (BC), George (CM), Willox, Mazis, Gardikiotis, Suarez, Dunn (CG), Knight, Corrigan, Fagan, Cleary (WF), Valeri (IM), Pepper, Quigley, Ferguson, Bennett, McKegan, Sutherland, Laurie (K), Barker Pearce, A. Williamson, Mangham, Ferguson, Etherington, Juergens (MW), Foxman, Farnsworth, Meerbani, Griffiths, Williams, McFadden (ME), Harrison, M. Drysdale, MCGuinness, Milosevic, Mountford (N), Nastoski, Pilovski, Tortevski (RI), Sharpe, Hill, Terry, Seller (S), Webber, Bourke, Arcosa (UP), Holifield (WC), Krkovski (WM).

Below: What a season! ALAN REIS of Canberra Griffins takes on Inter Monaro — Reis cracked two hat-tricks on his way to the top of the goalscorer's list.

REIS WINS NSW ROTHMANS AWARD

Alan Reis, the man who topped the goalscoring awards in the State Bank League for 1987, polled 29 votes to win the coveted Rothmans Award for NSW at a gala function held at the Hilton Hotel in Sydney.

In the final count Reis finished only one point ahead of team-mate Tom Sermanni with Jeff Ainsworth a distant third on 21 points.

Augusto Palacios, the player-coach of Canberra Griffins, was in the leading bunch at the halfway mark but finished a distant 11th on 17th points due to an injury which prevented the skillful Peruvian from playing during the second part of the season.

> ‘Credit to my coach Augusto Palacios . . . Tommy Sermanni had a lot to do with it . . .’

Reis was jubilant at winning the medal: "I must give credit to my coach Augusto Palacios, for this award. He was the man who supplied those pin-point passes which netted so many goals for me and I would only presume that the referees were impressed with my goal scoring abilities.

"Tommy Sermanni had a lot to do with my exploits up front so much of the credit will certainly go to him," said Reis.

It was a close call for the two front runners for the award. With the counting at the end of round 24 showing Reis on 29 and Sermani on 27 it was announced that only one of these two players would poll in the last two round which meant that either player could take the medal.

"I thought Sermani would take the medal as he played well in the last two games and I didn't," said Reis.

At left: Winners are grinners! ALAN REIS shows off his NSW Rothmans Medal of 1987.

ILLAWARRA'S SEASON

Newcomers South Coast Croatia snapped up the Illawarra District league and grand final honors, and then went one better.

They added the Ampol $8000 Challenge series to their trophies, in competition with the best clubs of the Illawarra and ACT Leagues.

Former Welsh schoolboy international Neil Williams was player-coach.

It was a hectic year for Soccer in the Wollongong district, which is surely one of the main hotbeds of the code in an Australia-wide context.

Reliable Bulli tumbled off its perch by losing 1-0 to Cringila in the final.

Bampton Cup Final

Dean Simpson and Darren Nees were on target when West-Figtree defeated the youthful Balgownie side in the final at McLennan Park.

West had a bonus, having taken the Youth Cup from under Cringila's nose in the early game.

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STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

1st GRADE SEMI-FINALS
Wollongong City 1
Canberra City 0
Blacktown City 2
Melita Eagles 0

1st GRADE FINAL
Canberra City ..... (0) 2
Blacktown City ..... (0) 0

1st GRADE GRAND-FINAL
Wollongong City 2
Canberra City 1

2nd GRADE SEMI-FINALS
Blacktown City 1
Warringah Freshwater 0
Melita Eagles 1
Sutherland Shire 0

2nd GRADE FINAL
Warringah Freshwater 3
Melita Eagles 0

2nd GRADE GRAND-FINAL
Blacktown City 5
Warringah Freshwater 1

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

1st GRADE SEMI-FINALS
Polonia 1
North Bankstown 0
Fairy Meadow 2
Kingsford Hellenic 4

1st GRADE FINAL
Polonia 1
Kingsford Hellenic 2

2nd GRADE SEMI-FINALS
Kingsford Hellenic 0
Gladesville Hornsby 2
Polonia 0
Avala 2

2nd GRADE FINAL
Gladesville Hornsby 1
Avala 0

3rd GRADE SEMI-FINALS
North Bankstown 0
SSC Yugal 1
Kingsford Hellenic 1
Queens Park 2

3rd GRADE FINAL
Queens Park ..... (0)+3p
SSC Yugal ..... (0)+1p

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

1st GRADE SEMI-FINALS
Granville Chile 10
Uni. of NSW 1
West United 2
Rooty Hill 1

1st GRADE FINAL
Uni. of NSW ..... (3) 4
West United ..... (3) 3

2nd GRADE SEMI-FINALS
Rooty Hill 0
Baulkham Hills 1
Campbelltown Gunners ..... 2) Campbelltown
Moorebank Liverpool ..... 0) disqualified

2nd GRADE FINAL
Baulkham Hills ..... 0+4p
Moorebank Liverpool ..... 0+3p

3rd GRADE SEMI-FINALS
Bondi Marine 2
Mt Druitt Town 1
Baulkham Hills 0
Rooty Hill 1

3rd GRADE FINAL
Bondi Marine 1
Rooty Hill 0

STEVE O'CONNOR'S NSW AWARD

Steve O'Connor, the much-feared stopper turned into the slickest of sweepers, was voted NSW Player of the Year by the Australian Soccer Press Association NSW Division.

He received a compact refrigerator with the compliments of Lemair (Australia) for his well earnt prize.

Following the inimitable 'Rocky' came Arno Bertogna, Vicente Estavillo, Peter Tredinnick, Frank Farina, Rod Brown, Zarko Odzakov and Jean-Paul de Marigny.

The Under 21 award went to Robert Hooker ahead of Mark Jones. Also in the event were Craig Moffatt, Scott Ollerenshaw, Abbas Saad, Alex Bundalo and Geoff Gunning.

In the NSW State League Jeff Ainsworth of Wollongong City came in ahead of Ean Rodrigues and Aitic Genc.

Lemair and Ambassador Sports provided the excellent awards.

Under 21 State League Player of the Year went to Blacktown City's Young Socceroo captain Kurt Reynolds, who was followed by Andrew Callanan and Zlavko Abramasic.

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gong City 3 (Stefanovski 2, Holifield) Inter Monaro 1 (Perinovic), Sutherland 1 (Caban) Manly Warringah 1 (Stuart), Warringah Freshwater 0 Rockdale Ilinden 1 (Genovese), Canberra Griffins 3 (Bryant 2, Sermani) Wollongong Macedonia 0, Canterbury 1 (Mickovski) Blacktown City 4 (Maier 2, Lee, Van Blerk).

ROUND 26:
Newcastle 1 (Gresham) Rockdale Ilinden 3 (Rodas 2, Dounis), Inter Monaro 1 (Perinovic) Ku-ring-gai 0, Wollongong City 6 (Easthorpe 3, Giraldi 3) Manly Warringah 0, Sutherland 1 (Nelson) Uruguayan Penrith 0, Warringah Freshwater 1 (Cleary) Wollongong Macedonia 2 (Popovski, Kirwan), Blacktown City 0 Canberra Griffins 2 (Bryant, Sermani), Melita Eagles 4 (Brown 2, Callanan, Rodriguez) Canterbury 1 (Arambasic).

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GROUP "D"
St George 3 (Cotton, Meacock, Kotsias) Uruguayan Penrith 0.
Melita Eagles 6 (Foxman 2, Wilson, Sertbas, Brown, Dalton) Newcastle 0.
Sydney City 3 (Batten 2, de Marigny) Newcastle 0.
Melita Eagles 2 (Wilson, Brown) St George 1 (Hughes).
Uruguayan 2 (Mosquero, Cuba) Sydney City 1 (Souness).
St George 7 (Fletcher 3, Kotsias, Hughes, Petkovski) Newcastle 0.
Melita Eagles 2 (Foxman, Wellbourn) Sydney City 1 (Saad).
Sydney City 2 (Parish 2) St George 0.
Melita Eagles 1 (Foxman) Uruguayan 1 (Cuba).
Newcastle 3 (Rowney 2, Hastie og) Uruguayan 0.

Melita Eagles	3	1	0	11	3	7
St George	2	2	0	11	4	4
Sydney City	2	0	2	7	4	4
Uruguayan Penrith	1	1	2	3	8	3
Newcastle	1	0	3	3	16	2

Quarter Finals

Blacktown City 1 (Naumov 13th) Sydney Olympic 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 7150. Referee: G. Power.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, Maier, Sterrey, Reynolds, Northam, Kay, Jeffery, Ellem, Sandy, Naumov, van Blerk (Sharpe 80th).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Dragicevic, Ratcliffe, Dakos, Spanoudakis, Kotamanidis (Phillips 66th), Raskopoulos, Katholos (Estavillo 46th), Soper, Koemina, Kalantzis.

Melita Eagles 2 (Farrugia 29th, Farnsworth 85th) APIA 1 (Tredinnick 46th) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 7150. Referee: A. Owens.

MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac, Williams, Cabassi, Wilson, Griffiths, Farnsworth, Wellbourn, Farrugia, Sertbas (McFadden 77th), Brown, Foxman.

APIA: Pezzano, Brady, Bertogna, Lorens (Dounis 46th), M. Brown, Tredinnick, Baran, Butler, Zalmi, R. Brown, Parison.

Marconi 4 (Farina 20th, 54th, 81st, Gray 16th) St George 1 (Petkovski 76th) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3250. Referee: K. Small.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Gomez (Rizzotto 68th), Henderson, Wheatley, Mason Gray, Lowe, Nastevski (Okon 82nd), Maxwell Farina.

ST GEORGE: Gibson, Green Owens, M. O'Shea, Slaveski, Pottier, (Fletcher 65th), Porter, Moffitt (Grbevski 65th), Kulcsar, Ollerenshaw, Petkovski.

Croatia 3 (Slater 9th, 15th, 33rd) Sutherland 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3250. Referee: J. McConnell.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, Savor, Vletstra, Rozic, Jennings, Rezo (Clinch 41st), Jones Odzakov, Slater (Cerro 41st), Arnold, Lamond.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Nelson, Terry, Ball, Seller (Burrows 41st), Cox, Meades, Harrington, Lerond, Duncan (Hill 68th), Sharp.

SEMI-FINALS

Zlatko Nastevski scored four goals in Marconi's 8-2 demolition of Melita Eagles at Marconi Stadium.

And Robbie Slater's two goals brought his tally to five in two games as Sydney Croatia made short work of Blacktown City with a resounding 3-0 victory.

Despite adverse weather conditions, a crowd of 4,325 turned up to witness the events.

The elegant Nastevski's abundant skills set the ground on fire, but somehow he failed to display the discipline to continue on his way throughout so much of the season.

Marconi's form was a revelation, but Melita's tactics showed naivity. No power in Australian Soccer could have faced Marconi that day with an attacking formation.

Marconi 8 (Nastevski 13th, 39th, 75th, 84th, Farina 82nd, 90th, Maxwell 90th, Gray 30th) Melita Eagles 2 (Foxman 36th, Farrugia 56th) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 4,325. Referee: G. Power.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Henderson, Wheatley, Gomez, Lowe, Gray, Mason, Nastevski, Farina, Maxwell (Okon 81st).

MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac, Williams, Wilson, Cabassi, Griffiths, Farrugia, Wellbourn, Farnsworth (23rd Vial), Sertbas, Brown, Foxman.

Sydney Croatia 3 (Slater 85th, 87th, Jennings 70th) Blacktown City 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 4,325. Referee: R. Lorenc.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Savor, Vletstra, Rozic, Jennings, Rezo, Jones, Odzakov, Slater, Arnold, Lamond (Jurin 51st).

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, Maier, Sterrey (Sharpe), Reynolds, Northam, Jeffery, Kay, Ellem, Naumov (Thornthwaite 46th), Sandy, van Blerk.

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Final Tables
State League

DIV 1 GR 1

Wollongong City	26	20	2	4	61	30	42
Canberra Griffins	26	18	4	4	53	19	40
Blacktown City	26	19	1	6	60	19	39
Melita Eagles	26	16	5	5	54	30	37
Rockdale Ilinden	26	12	3	11	37	30	27
Urug. Penrith	26	11	4	11	45	41	26
Sutherland Shire	26	9	8	9	31	35	26
Inter Monaro	26	8	6	12	45	55	22
Warr. F'water	26	9	2	15	26	35	20
Ku-ring-gai	26	7	5	14	29	40	19
Newcastle	26	8	3	15	35	48	19
W'gong Mace	26	5	6	15	23	44	16
Canterbury	26	5	6	15	26	64	16
Manly W'gah	26	6	3	17	19	54	15

DIV 1 GR 2

Blacktown City	26	22	4	0	90	13	48
Warr. F'water	26	20	4	2	56	24	44
Melita Eagles	26	19	1	6	85	26	39
Sutherland Shire	26	16	4	6	64	27	36
Ku-ring-gai	26	10	6	10	34	30	26
Canberra City	26	11	3	12	46	50	25
Urug. Penrith	26	10	5	11	45	50	25
W'gong Mace	26	10	5	11	33	46	25
W'gong City	26	10	3	13	36	47	23
Cant. M'ville Oly	26	8	2	16	41	72	18
Rockdale Ilinden	26	5	7	14	27	42	17
Manly W'gah	26	4	6	16	16	52	14
N'castle Rosebud	26	4	6	16	21	59	14
Inter Monaro	26	2	6	18	19	75	10

DIV 2 GR 1

Polonia	26	19	7	0	79	22	45
F Mead	26	15	5	6	56	30	35
N B'stown	26	14	7	5	42	26	35
Kingsford	26	15	4	7	39	21	34
Bl'town U	26	13	4	9	43	34	30
Gl'ville H	26	13	3	10	38	35	29
Avala	26	10	8	8	51	39	28
Yugal	26	11	6	9	44	40	28
Artarmon	26	10	1	15	40	57	21
Bathurst '75	26	8	4	14	29	41	20
Queens Park	26	8	3	15	30	50	19
Sy Maccabi	26	7	5	14	32	55	19
C'town City	26	4	4	18	22	59	12
Dee Why	26	2	5	19	20	56	9

DIV 2 GR 2

Kingsford	26	19	4	3	92	23	42
Polonia	26	19	4	3	83	26	42
Gl'ville-H	26	16	6	4	75	25	38
Avala	26	16	4	6	58	32	36
Yugal	26	15	2	9	66	34	32
N Bankstown	26	13	4	9	49	39	30
C'town City	26	13	3	10	53	46	29
Blacktown	26	13	3	10	50	50	29
Bathurst '75	26	8	7	11	40	47	23
Queen Park	26	8	5	13	29	39	21
Nth Syd Art	26	8	4	14	47	52	20
Dee Why	26	5	1	20	21	90	11
Fairy Mead	26	1	5	20	31	98	7
S Maccabi	26	1	2	23	13	106	4

DIV 2 GR 3

N B'stown	26	20	5	1	75	10	45
Kingsford	26	18	5	3	80	15	41
Yugal	26	18	3	5	61	21	39
Queens Park	26	16	5	5	73	19	37
Avala	26	14	7	5	69	30	35
C'town City	26	14	6	6	65	28	34
Polonia	26	13	4	9	50	37	30
Gl'ville H	26	12	2	12	51	40	26
Bathurst '75	26	11	3	12	43	33	25
Dee Why	26	7	3	16	28	57	17
Fairy Mead	26	6	3	17	32	57	15
Bl'town U	26	5	1	20	24	71	11
N Sydney Art	26	1	3	22	9	128	5
Syd. Macc	25	1	2	23	6	120	4

DIV 3 GR 1

G-Chile	26	16	6	4	70	20	38
West Ut	26	16	3	7	58	30	35
Uni of NSW	26	16	3	7	49	28	35
Rooty Hill	26	14	5	7	53	28	33
C'belltown	26	10	11	5	45	27	31
Mt Druitt	26	10	11	5	28	15	31
Concordia	26	10	5	11	46	44	25
Moorebank	26	6	11	9	32	35	23
Pt Hacking	26	11	1	14	36	48	23
Bondi-Mar	26	7	7	12	40	40	21
Baulk Hills	26	8	4	14	35	44	20
K. Tomislav	26	8	4	14	41	70	20
Canterbury	26	7	4	15	30	81	18
Nth Ryde	26	3	5	18	19	72	11

DIV 3 GR 2

Rooty Hill	26	18	7	1	93	29	42
C'belltown	26	18	7	1	58	19	43
Baulk Hills	26	18	3	5	75	33	39
Moorebank	26	15	4	7	69	33	34
West Utd	26	12	9	5	61	34	33
Bondi Mar	26	13	5	8	49	36	31
N Ryde	26	12	3	11	62	47	27
G-Chile	26	8	5	13	47	49	21
Uni NSW	26	8	3	15	34	59	19
K. Tomislav	26	7	5	14	30	61	19
Mt Druitt	26	6	6	14	41	68	18
Pt Hacking	26	6	4	16	30	63	16
Canterbury	26	6	1	19	33	80	13
Concordia	26	3	2	21	16	87	8

DIV 3 GR 3

Bondi Mar	26	18	8	0	59	21	44
Baulk Hills	26	18	7	1	54	10	43
Mt Druitt	26	14	8	4	43	20	36
Rooty Hill	26	15	5	6	62	39	35
West Utd	26	12	6	8	48	31	30
K. Tomislav	26	8	11	7	29	26	27
Pt Hacking	26	8	8	10	25	35	24
C'belltown	26	7	8	11	33	36	22
N Ryde	26	8	6	12	45	49	22
Canterbury	26	9	4	13	27	35	22
Concordia	26	5	8	13	27	57	18
G-Chile	26	4	8	14	31	49	16
Moorebank	26	4	7	15	23	44	15
Uni NSW	26	4	2	20	18	72	10

Inter Urban

DIV 1 GR 1

Dulwich Hill	22	17	2	3	62	21	36
Chelsea	22	15	3	4	45	37	33
Pagewood Botany	22	15	2	5	53	26	32
Rosebery Port.	22	11	4	7	47	36	26
Sydney Uni.	22	9	7	6	28	23	25
Spanish Club	22	9	4	9	41	39	22
Eastwood S/A	22	8	4	10	32	44	20
West St George	22	8	2	12	42	38	18
Padstow Park	22	6	6	10	27	38	18
Nineveh Eagles	22	4	8	10	26	37	16
Hawkesbury Dist	22	2	6	14	28	45	10
Fairfield Kiev	22	3	2	17	29	76	8

DIV 1 GR 2

Dulwich Hill	22	20	1	1	59	19	41
Rosebery Port.	22	14	4	4	44	22	32
Eastwood S/A	22	14	2	6	52	20	30
West St George	22	12	5	5	55	31	29
Pagewood	22	9	6	7	45	31	24
Chelsea	22	10	4	8	27	27	24
Sydney Uni	22	8	5	9	44	36	21
Nineveh Eagles	22	6	6	10	26	38	18
Spanish Club	22	5	7	10	34	44	17
Hawkesbury Dist	22	5	4	13	19	42	14
Padstow Park	22	2	4	16	17	65	8
Fairfield Kiev	22	2	2	18	23	70	6

DIV 2 GR 1

Rangers Hajduk	22	17	2	3	54	15	36
Greenisland	22	14	7	1	56	18	35
Concord Juniors	22	13	5	4	40	22	31
Trasandinos	22	10	4	8	33	25	24
Welcome Sports	21	9	6	6	28	24	24
Chile Sports	21	7	8	6	28	20	22
Maroubra Utd	22	10	2	10	44	47	22
Macquarie Uni	22	8	5	9	31	37	21
Wenty Waratahs	22	5	5	12	27	40	15
Liverpool City	22	4	5	13	22	44	13
CSI-Schofields	22	3	4	15	23	55	10
Haberfield Peru	22	2	5	15	19	57	9

DIV 2 GR 2

Concord Juniors	22	13	6	2	60	18	32
Macquarie Uni	22	14	3	5	39	26	31
Greenisland	22	11	6	5	64	31	28
Liverpool City	22	11	4	7	36	19	26
Trasandinos	22	11	4	7	40	27	26
CSI-Schofields	22	11	4	7	35	34	26
Maroubra Utd	22	10	4	8	41	24	24
Rangers Hajduk	22	10	4	8	32	38	24
Welcome Sports	22	9	5	7	44	25	23
Chile Sports	22	4	4	14	20	44	12
Wenty Waratah	22	4	1	17	28	71	9
Haberfield Peru	22	0	1	21	7	89	1

DIV 3 DIV 1

Mac. Yagoona	24	18	3	3	73	35	39
Crescent Star	24	17	2	5	92	48	36
Blacktown Wands	24	16	4	4	61	23	36
Cyprus United	24	14	6	4	47	29	34
SSC Zagreb	24	14	3	7	63	35	31
Abruzzi	24	11	5	8	43	34	27
Petersham Lus.	24	8	5	11	31	37	21
Lithgow Workmen	24	9	2	13	35	44	20
Colo Colo	24	7	5	12	35	43	19
Murray Farm	24	7	5	12	31	46	19
Lansvale United	24	3	6	15	33	56	12
Castle Hill	24	3	3	18	24	79	9
Argentinian L/U	24	3	3	18	24	83	9

DIV 3 GR 2

Mac. Yagoona	24	21	3	0	59	12	45
Murray Farm	24	15	3	6	57	32	33
Cyprus United	24	15	3	6	37	18	33
Blacktown Wands	24	14	4	6	50	23	32
Abruzzi	24	14	2	8	49	25	30
SSC Zagreb	24	11	2	11	45	45	24
Crescent Star	24	11	2	11	41	47	24
Lithgow Workmen	24	9	4	11	28	33	22
Lansvale Utd	24	8	5	11	36	42	21
Colo Colo	24	7	0	17	31	63	14
Argentinian L/U	24	5	4	15	27	62	14
Petersham Lus.	24	4	3	17	25	55	11
Castle Hill	24	4	1	19	20	48	9

DIV 4 GR 1

Orange Waratah	24	18	3	3	75	26	39
Mt Pritchard	24	15	5	4	42	27	35
Hellas	24	14	4	6	53	39	32
Alexander	24	13	5	6	78	49	31
Prospect Utd	24	12	7	5	55	34	31
Lebanon	24	14	2	8	64	29	30
Greystanes	24	10	8	6	48	43	28
Arncliffe RSL	24	8	5	11	37	37	21
Cobreloa	24	9	3	12	32	60	21
Liverpool Oly	24	5	6	13	46	57	16
Luddenham Croat	24	6	3	15	34	68	15
Assyrian	24	2	4	18	23	65	8
Chullora	24	1	3	20	28	81	5

DIV 4 GR 2

Orange Waratah	24	16	6	2	74	23	38
Mt Pritchard	24	16	6	2	37	21	38
Arncliffe RSL	24	15	5	4	51	29	35
Prospect Utd.	24	12	9	3	56	24	33
Greystanes	24	14	3	7	62	32	31
Cobreloa	24	11	8	5	42	41	30
Alexander	24	10	7	7	55	35	27
Assyrian	24	6	3	15	25	32	15
Liverpool	24	5	4	14	33	60	15
Hellas	24	5	5	14	32	69	15
Chullora	24	6	2	16	42	65	14
Lebanon	24	6	1	17	45	76	13
Luddenham Croat	24	3	2	19	16	73	9

INTER URBAN 1st DIVISION

1st GRADE SEMI-FINALS

Dulwich Hill	3
Pagewood	2
Chelsea	0
Rosebery Portuguese	1

1st GRADE FINAL

Dulwich Hill	(0) 2
Rosebery Portuguese	(0) 0

2nd GRADE SEMI-FINALS

Dulwich Hill	0
Eastwood St Andrews	2
Rosebery Portuguese	3
West St George	5

2nd GRADE FINAL

Eastwood St Andrews	2
West St George	0

INTER URBAN 2nd DIVISION

1ST GRADE SEMI-FINAL

Rangers Hajduk	1
Concord Juniors	0
Greenisland	2
Welcome Sports	1

1st GRADE FINAL

Rangers Hajduk	2
Greenisland	0

2nd GRADE SEMI-FINALS

Concord Juniors	0
Greenisland	3
Macquarie Uni	1
Liverpool City	2

2nd GRADE FINAL

Greenisland	2+1p
Liverpool City	2+3p

INTER URBAN 3rd DIVISION

1st GRADE SEMI-FINAL

Macedonia Yagoona	3
Blacktown Wanderers	2
Crescent Star	1
Cyprus United	5

1st GRADE FINAL

Macedonia Yagoona	2
Cyprus United	3

2nd GRADE SEMI-FINAL

Macedonia Yagoona	0
Cyprus United	2
Murray Farm Rangers	4
Blacktown Wanderers	2

2nd GRADE FINAL

Cyprus United	0
Murray Farm Rangers	2

INTER URBAN 4th DIVISION

1st GRADE SEMI-FINAL

Orange Waratah	1
Hellas	2
Mt Pritchard	1
Alexander	4

1st GRADE FINAL

Hellas	2
Alexander	1

2nd GRADE SEMI-FINAL

Orange Waratah	3
Arncliffe RSL	2
Mt Pritchard	0
Prospect United	2

2nd GRADE FINAL

Orange Waratah	1
Prospect United	2

NEW SOUTH WALES RECORDS

STATE LEAGUE

1957 Canterbury Marrickville
1958 Corrimal
1959 Prague
1960 Prague
1961 Prague
1962 St George Budapest
1963 Prague
1964 APIA
1965 South Coast
1966 APIA
1967 APIA
1968 Hakoah
1969 South Coast
1970 Hakoah
1971 Hakoah
1972 St George Budapest
1973 Hakoah
1974 Hakoah
1975 APIA
1976 St George Budapest
1977 Croatia
1978 Croatia
1979 Croatia
1980 Melita Eagles
1981 St George Budapest
1982 Croatia
1983 Melita Eagles
1984 Inter Monaro
1985 Canterbury Marrickville
1986 Melita Eagles
1987 Wollongong City

GRAND FINAL WINNERS

1957 Auburn
1958 Canterbury
1959 Prague
1960 Canterbury
1961 Hakoah
1962 Hakoah
1963 South Coast
1964 APIA-Leichhardt
1965 APIA-Leichhardt
1966 Hakoah
1967 St George
1968 Hakoah
1969 APIA-Leichhardt
1970 Ryde
1971 St George Budapest
1972 Marconi
1973 Marconi
1974 St George Budapest
1975 St George Budapest
1976 APIA-Leichhardt
1977 Sydney Croatia
1978 Sydney Croatia
1979 Inter Monaro
1980 Sydney Olympic
1981 St George Budapest
1982 Sydney Croatia
1983 Sydney Croatia
1984 Rockdale Ilinden
1985 Melita Eagles
1986 Sutherland Shire
1987 Wollongong City

AMPOL CUP

1957 Hakoah
1958 Canterbury Marrickville
1959 Prague
1960 St George Budapest
1961 Prague
1962 Prague
1963 Yugal
1964 Prague
1965 Prague
1966 APIA-Leichhardt
1967 St George Budapest
1968 Hakoah
1969 Prague
1970 APIA-Leichhardt
1971 Western Suburbs
1972 St George Budapest
1973 Hakoah Eastern Suburbs
1974 APIA-Leichhardt
1975 St George Budapest
1976 Western Suburbs
1977 Avala
1978 Sutherland
1979 Sydney City
1980 Sydney Olympic
1981 Sutherland Shire
1982 St George Budapest
1983 Marconi-Fairfield
1984 St George Budapest
1985 Blacktown City
1986 Sydney Croatia

STATE BANK CHALLENGE CUP

1987 Sydney Croatia

DIVISION TWO

1979 Ku-Ring-Gai
1980 Marconi
1981 Yugal
1982 Ku-Ring-Gai
1983 Rockdale Ilinden
1984 Fairy Meadow
1985 Wollongong Macedonia
1986 Yugal
1987 Polonia

DIVISION THREE

1957 Villawood
1958 St George Budapest
1959 Neelandia
1960 Pan Hellenic
1961 Yugal
1962 Croatia
1963 Corinthian
1964 Polonia
1965 Corinthian
1966 Polonia
1967 Manly Warringah
1968 Auburn
1969 Marconi
1970 Western Suburbs
1971 Sutherland
1972 Granville
1973 Canterbury Marrickville
1974 Granville
1975 Manly Warringah
1976 Riverside Avala
1977 Melita Eagles
1978 Ku-Ring-Gai
1979 Bathurst '75
1980 Guildford County
1981 Dee Why
1982 Atarmon
1983 Bathurst '75
1984 Campbelltown
1985 Kingsford
1986 Granville Chile
1987 Granville Chile

UMBRO SHIELD

1982 Revesby Workers
1983 Fairy Meadow
1984 Not Played
1985 Wollongong Macedonia
1986 Kingsford Hellenic
1987 No Competition

PEERLESS CUP

1983 Fairy Meadow
1984 Queens Park Eastern Subs
1985 Moorebank Liverpool
1986 Bondi Marine
1987 No Competition

Rothmans Best and Fairest Awards

1970	George Blues (Apia-Leich)	23pts
1971	John Watkiss (Hakoah-ES)	31pts
1972	Manfred Schaefer (St George)	30pts
1973	John McDonald (Auburn)	30pts
1974	Mike Trebilcock (Western Subs)	19pts
1975	John McDonald (Sutherland)	25pts
1976	Bruce Stowell (Pan Hellenic)	32pts
1977	John Watkiss (Sutherland)	26pts
1978	Terry Butler (Apia-Leich)	27pts
1979	John Lee (Bankstown)	36pts
1980	Neil Williams (Canterbury)	35pts
1981	Dez Marton (St George)	30pts
1982	John Stoddart (Riverwood)	34pts
1983	Agenor Muniz (Avala)	24pts
1984	Ricki Budini (Avala)	23pts
1985	Henry Sobczyk (Polonia)	34pts
1986	Brett Woods (Uruguayan Aub)	26pts
1987	Alan Reis (Canberra)	29pts

Rothmans Cup Finals

1974	South Sydney Croatia vs St George	1-0
1975	APIA-Leichhardt vs Western Suburbs	2-0
1976	Hakoah Eastern Subs vs South Sydney	3-1

Coca-Cola Bottlers Player of the Year

1980	Frank Leydon	41 pts
1981	Bobby Noble	42 pts
1982	Ziggy Kalinowski	47 pts

Under 21 ASPA Player of the Year Award

1985 Chris Hummell
1986 Wayne Farnsworth
1987 Kurt Reynolds

NSWASPA Player of the Year Award

1985 Jim Patikas
1986 Graham Arnold
1987 Jeff Ainsworth

EARLY HISTORY

The first Soccer football match in Australia was played on the Parramatta Common on August 14, 1880, between the Wanderers and The Kings School, with the former winning 5-0.

The code progressed in the Newcastle and Coalfields and the Illawarra regions as well, with the first Sydney competition, won by Caledonians, taking place in 1885.

In 1984 the initial inter-district challenge took place, won 4-0 by Sydney over South Coast at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The Rainsford Trophy was won by Granville in 1885 and 1886, with Hamilton Athletic from Newcastle the 1887 winner.

The Gardiner Cup was next installed as the NSW premier knockout, running right through from 1888 to 1928.

History shows a group of Sydney and Newcastle winners, featuring clubs such as Pyrmont, Balmain, Granville and Gladesville-Ryde.

From Newcastle came clubs such as West Wallsend, Adamstown and Weston.

The State League Cup (1928-44) saw clubs such as Cessnock, Metters, Adamstown and Leichhardt-Annandale on top.

The next series was the 1943-58 State League Cup, with Leichhardt, Corrimal and Wallsend to the fore.

In premierships over the 1928-1958 era the mighty Goodyear team shone with three successive titles in 1937/1939.

This era signalled a steady transfer of power from Newcastle to Sydney, as Metters and then Leichhardt-Annandale took over.

POLONIA'S 3 POINT MARGIN

Maribyrnong Polonia's convincing play over the entire season enabled them to keep their opponents at bay and succeed Croydon City as Victorian State League winners.

Often they were well clear of the field, and at other times they received stern challenges from the likes of Green Gully, Fawkner, Caulfield City and St Albans.

The final margin was three points from Gully, who virtually gave up the race when they brought in cost-cutting measures which pinned them back.

Polonia had to endure the loss of their injured leading striker Greg Warszawski over the end of the season.

But gaining seasoned Polish international goalkeeper Zdislaw Kostezewa was a masterstroke.

Being successful after a 26 year absence from the top of the table was an achievement. Before it all happened club officials were syaing that it would be difficult however to remain in the league.

Gully was fortunate to have a base in such seasoned campaigners as Tommy Cumming, Pat McCluskey and Les Carter.

Fawkner, who had snatched the services of former NSL dual topscorer Doug Brown, finished third and a point behind Gully.

Caulfield, fielding Rothmans Medal winner Paul Harris, did well, whilst St Albans rightfully ended the season on a high note.

Frankston Pines and last-placed Broadmeadows were the teams listed for demontion.

The Australian Institute of Sport, playing without the incentive of points allocation, shone throghout the year.

But who is to say whether they would have held their excellent record had competition points been on the line.

JOHN O'CALLAGHAN (Morwell Falcons) gets in ahead of ANGIE KOUTZIALIS (Caulfield City).

Buffalo Gold Cup

The popularity of early season floodlit football was emphasised with Melbourne Croatia entertaining a huge Olympic Park crowd as they defeated South Melbourne Hellas 2-0.

Score: Melbourne Croatia (P. Lewis, J. Biskic), South Melbourne 0.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, McIntosh, Dunn, Hannah, Davidson, Biskic, Campbell (Scott 14m), MacLean, Talajic, Lemezina (Humble 82), Lewis.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Anazakis (P. Wade 66m), Blair, Postecoglou, Kalogeros (Andriotis 84m), Miranda, McDowall, Crainie, Egan, Wright (Stevenson 69m).

Crowd: 10,000.

Referee: S. Mellings.

State League Cup

Heavy rain destroyed the crowd potential as Green Gully Ajax played havoc with a 3-0 win over Maribyrnong Polonia in the final at Green Gully Reserve.

The win gave Green Gully some consolation after ceding first place in the league to their opponents.

Score: Green Gully 3 (T. Cumming 2, L. Carter) Maribyrnong Polonia 0.

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Hogben (Deakin 80th), Douglas, Cannell, Mclennan, Carter, Donnell, Quigly, T. Cumming (Ward 62nd), Grimaud, Zemunik.

MARIBYRNONG POLONIA: Kostezewa, Lipiaraki, Chetcutti, Bennett, Kotzamichalis, Nelson, Lavell, Ognovaki, Storm, Lakic, Baran.

Referee: Z. Minnich.

Dockerty Cup

Heidelberg suffered another blow when, after reaching the final, they slumped to a 3-1 loss to Brunswick Juventus.

It was all too much in view of their unprecedented slide back into State League.

Score: Brunswick 3 (R. Cullen, A. Zinni, B. Brown) Heidelberg 1 (McKinna).

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marama, Lewis, Incantalupo, Brown, Belic, Durakovic, Patterson (Grbac 60m), Palatsides, Cullen, McGrellis, Zinni.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Marley, Katsakidis (sent off 55m), Hunter (sent off 86m), Kanesoulis, Lucchesi, Selemidis, Valentine, Anastasiadis, McKinna, Tsolakis.

Referee: J. Fern.

Crowd: 2500.

Armstrong Cup

Waverley City, mid-table in Victorian Division Two, excelled by winning the Harry Armstrong Cup.

Award Winners

Paul Harris from Caulfield City excelled by taking out the 1987 Rothmans Medal, and was also successful in claiming the Bill Fleming Award.

The coveted Weinstein Medal, awarded to Victoria's best junior player of the year, went to Frankston Pines' Sam Richardson.

Green Gully's COLIN QUIGLEY skates through the water at Northcote.

Victoria's Rothmans Medal Winners

1971: John Gardiner (G Cross)
1972: John Gardiner (G Cross)
1973: Vince Bannon (Heidelberg)
1974: Pat Bannon (Heidelberg)
1975: David Barker (Hakoah)
1976: Jim Tansey (Slavia)
1977: David Baker (Hakoah)
1978: Tommy Cumming (Croatia)
1979: Tommy Cumming (Croatia)
1980: Bobby McGuinness (Juventus)
1981: Charlie Egan (Frankston City)
1982: Vince Bannon (Juventus)
1983: Stefan Mila (Polonia)
1984: Jim MacLean (Morwell)
1985: Branko Culina (St Albans D)
1986: Alex Dick (Frankston Pines)
1987: Paul Harris (Caulfield City)

Weinstein Medal

The winning list is:

1975: Reno Lia (Hellas); 1976: Colin Allison (Melbourne); 1977: Alex Rivero (Box Hill); 1978: Roberto Trafficante (Essendon Triestina); 1979: Greg McLeod (Box Hill); 1980: Dane Beranic (Green Gully); 1981: John Campelj (Sunshine); 1982: Warren Spink (Doveton); 1983: Con Kiakos (South Oakleigh); 1984: David Healy (Knox City); 1985: Paul Trimboli (Brighton); 1986: John Markovski (Sunshine GC); 1987: Sam Richardson (Frankston Pines).

Argus Medal

1954: M Payne (South Yarra)
1955: M Busidoni (Juventus)
1956: R Wemyss (Polonia) and P Cubero (JUST)
1957: J McLeod (Box Hill)
1958: W Westerveld (Wilhelmina)
1959: A Drennan (Box Hill)
1960: W Jancsyk (Polonia)
1961: F Falzon (George Cross)
1962: F Falzon (George Cross)
1963: J Sanchez (Slavia)
1964: F Micic (JUST)
1965: G Scott (Juventus)
1966: P Aldis (Wilhelmina)
1967: F Micic (JUST)
1968: J Rooney (Lions)
1969: J O'Neill (Hakoah)
1970: D Pygall (Wilhelmina)

Fleming Award

1971: J Pyrgolios (SM-Hellas)
1972: J Gardiner (George Cross)
1973: F Micic (JUST)
1974: J Armstrong (SM-Hellas)
1975: B Vojtek (Juventus)
1976: J Tansey (Slavia)
1977: M Watkins (Juventus)
1978: T Cumming (Croatia)
1979: T Cumming (Croatia)
1980: J Dunne (Green Gully)
1981: C Egan (Frankston City)
1982: Peter Lewis (Green Gully)
1983: Paul Lewis (Green Gully)
1984: Steve Smith (Box Hill)
1985: Jim MacLean (Morwell)
1986: Alex Dick (Frankston)
1987: Paul Harris (Caulfield City).

Player of the Year

1980: John Yzendoorn (Heidelberg)
1981: Alun Evans (Hellas)
1982: Jim Campbell (Heidelberg)
1983: Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg)
1984: Oscar Crino (Hellas)
1985: No award

Under 21

1976: Arthur Xanthopoulos (Hellas)
1980: Alan Davidson (Hellas)
1981: Steve Blair (Hellas)
1982: Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg)
1983: Con Opasinas (Makedonia)
1984: John Kanesoulis (Hellas)
1985: No award

Referee

1976: Chris Bambridge
1980: Chris Bambridge
1981: Chris Bambridge
1982: Chris Bambridge
1983: Chris Bambridge
1984: Stewart Mellings
1985: No award

VICTORIA FOR CONSOLIDATION

The Victorian Soccer Federation, under the leadership of former Socceroo goalkeeper Jack Reilly, is making a bold step to strengthen its competitions.

Underlying the scheme is the desire to limit the number of State League teams, in order to improve the quality of play.

People will not come along to see sub-standard Soccer — they have to be influenced with better play and the best available grounds and other desirable features.

The VSF's idea is to limit top clubs and abandon what are regarded as 'social' teams.

Whether the latter category involved in the sport moves to run its own football separately must remain to be seen.

In 1987 there was a low point for some of the clubs at both National League and State League level.

There will be no room for mistakes in making the adjustments which will turn Victorian Soccer back towards the heights that it deserves.

Geographical dispersion of the top clubs may well have to be taken into account.

It is a very important change, and no doubt leading administrators will be monitoring results as all facets of the plan are implimented.

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VICTORIAN

STATE LEAGUE FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maribyrnong	28	18	6	4	43	23	42
Green Gully	28	14	11	3	43	27	39
Fawkner	28	16	6	6	45	24	38
Caulfield City	28	12	11	5	39	25	35
St. Albans	28	12	10	6	39	29	34
Thomastown	28	10	11	7	31	33	31
Morwell Falcons	28	7	13	8	31	29	27
Springvale City	28	8	11	9	32	35	27
Western Suburbs	28	10	6	12	38	38	26
Box Hill	28	7	10	11	38	33	24
Croydon City	28	5	13	10	30	36	23
Oakleigh	28	8	6	14	38	47	22
Northcote City	28	8	5	15	25	48	21
Frankston Pines	28	6	7	15	33	50	19
Broadmeadows	28	4	4	20	25	53	12

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Maribyrnong	28	19	5	4	85	28	43
Green Gully	28	15	6	7	65	31	36
Broadmeadows	28	17	2	9	70	43	36
Thomastown	28	15	6	7	54	35	36
Box Hill	28	13	9	6	53	36	35
Morwell Falcons	28	13	8	7	52	37	34
Fawkner	28	12	8	8	57	52	32
Croydon City	28	9	11	8	48	42	29
Caulfield City	28	12	5	11	68	72	29
St Albans	28	12	4	12	61	54	28
Northcote City	28	6	10	12	43	55	22
Springvale City	28	8	4	16	43	67	20
Western Subs	28	6	4	18	52	91	16
Frankston Pines	28	5	3	20	39	93	13
Oakleigh	28	4	3	21	39	93	11

VIC ONE

Bulleen	26	20	2	4	44	14	42
Ringwood City	26	19	3	4	51	14	41
Altona Gate	26	14	7	5	38	16	35
Knox City	26	14	5	7	44	27	33
Nth Dandenong	26	14	4	8	40	24	32
Sunbury Utd	26	13	6	7	37	26	32
Albion Rovers	26	11	5	10	32	31	27
Essendon City	26	10	5	11	41	34	25
Werribee	26	6	10	10	23	30	22
Nunawading City	26	5	9	12	23	30	19
SM Mordialloc	26	5	7	14	28	46	17
Richmond	26	1	13	12	13	43	15
Doncaster Rvrs	26	4	4	18	20	59	12
Melbourne	26	3	6	17	13	53	12

RESERVES

Altona Gate	26	18	4	4	64	34	40
Nth Dandenong	26	16	5	5	58	30	37
Bulleen	26	14	6	6	53	38	34
Ringwood City	26	14	2	10	61	37	30
Essendon City	26	12	6	8	51	40	30
Nunawading City	26	12	6	8	45	36	30
Doncaster Rvrs	26	11	7	8	46	49	29
Knox City	26	9	10	7	60	39	28
Werribee	26	8	8	10	37	44	24
Albion	26	7	5	14	33	52	19
Melbourne	26	6	6	14	31	36	18
SM Mordialloc	26	6	4	16	45	58	16
Sunbury Utd	26	6	4	16	46	64	16
Richmond	26	4	5	17	28	101	13

VIC TWO

Westgate	26	17	4	5	65	35	38
Mooroolbark	26	16	5	5	53	21	37
Sandringham	26	15	7	4	39	25	37
Nth Geelong	26	14	6	6	42	32	34
Clifton Hill	26	11	9	6	47	29	31
Dandenong City	26	13	5	8	34	25	31
Prahran City	26	10	9	7	48	33	29
Waverley City	26	10	7	9	39	35	27
Altona City	26	8	9	9	39	35	25
Ringwood Utd	26	8	7	11	33	36	23
Eltham	26	7	6	13	33	56	20
Doveton	26	4	7	15	25	39	15
Hamlyn Rgrs	26	2	7	17	27	63	11
Mornington	26	1	4	21	19	79	6

RESERVES

Doveton	26	17	8	1	60	14	42
Clifton Hill	26	16	5	5	74	26	37
Sandringham	26	13	8	5	46	32	34
Eltham	26	15	3	8	58	40	33
Mooroolbark	26	12	8	6	42	23	32
Waverley City	26	12	7	7	59	41	31
Nth Geelong	26	11	6	9	58	37	28
Westgate	26	11	5	10	46	30	27
Altona City	26	9	5	12	38	36	23
Dandenong City	26	8	6	12	30	31	22
Prahran City	26	9	2	15	48	52	20
Ringwood Utd	26	5	8	13	31	60	18
Hamlyn Rangers	26	4	9	13	23	46	17
Mornington	26	0	0	26	12	157	0

VIC THREE

West Brunswick	24	15	3	6	43	22	33
Keilor	24	13	7	4	38	23	33
Port Melbourne	24	11	8	5	41	28	30
Springvale Utd	24	11	4	9	40	45	26
Clarinda	24	9	7	8	42	37	25
Yallourn	24	8	8	8	29	26	24
Bell Park	24	10	3	11	35	42	23
Corio/Geelong	24	6	9	9	30	34	21
Moreland Pk Rgr	24	6	9	9	32	43	21
Moorabbin City	24	6	8	10	31	34	20
Geelong	24	9	2	13	27	39	20
Rosanna	24	7	5	12	32	35	19
F.T. Gully	24	7	3	14	31	43	17

RESERVES

Moorabbin City	24	17	5	2	64	15	39
West Brunswick	24	18	2	4	54	31	38
Yallourn	24	17	3	4	75	22	37
Clarinda	24	10	8	6	63	45	28
Keilor	24	11	6	7	62	45	28
Rosanna	24	11	4	9	54	42	26
Moreland Pk Rgr	24	8	8	8	41	38	24
Port Melbourne	24	9	4	11	38	38	22
Corio/Geelong	24	6	7	11	31	42	19
F.T. Gully	24	7	4	13	36	54	18
Bell Park	24	3	8	13	20	55	14
Springvale Utd	24	6	1	17	33	73	13
Geelong	24	1	4	19	14	85	6

VIC FOUR

Lalor Utd	26	15	5	6	33	23	35
Seaford Utd	26	14	4	8	40	31	32
Hawthorn	26	12	8	6	45	37	32
Coburg	26	12	7	7	53	33	31
Pascoe Vale	26	12	7	7	41	26	31
Keysborough	26	11	8	7	51	33	30
Williamstown	26	10	7	9	39	40	27
Holland Park	26	10	5	11	46	43	25
Langwarrin	26	8	7	11	27	36	23
East Brunswick	26	9	3	14	34	47	21
Boronia	26	7	6	13	37	41	20
Karingal Utd	26	7	6	13	36	49	20
Diamond Vly Utd	26	7	5	14	25	37	19
Prahran	26	7	4	15	28	59	18

RESERVES

Diamond Vly Utd	26	21	3	2	93	23	45
Lalor Utd	26	18	7	1	80	29	43
Hawthorn	26	12	7	7	59	50	31
Boronia	26	11	7	8	56	37	29
Coburg	26	12	5	9	47	41	29
Langwarrin	26	10	8	8	40	40	28
Keysborough	26	9	8	9	38	32	26
Karingal Utd	26	10	6	10	44	41	26
Seaford Utd	26	11	4	11	53	51	26
Holland Park	26	10	4	12	46	56	24
Williamstown	26	6	8	12	55	72	20
Prahran	26	8	1	17	39	64	17
Pascoe Vale	26	5	5	16	39	60	15
East Brunswick	26	3	1	23	24	117	5

PROV ONE

Chelsea	24	14	6	4	48	23	34
Greensborough	24	14	5	5	56	26	33
Clayton	24	15	3	6	58	37	33
Malvern City	24	13	6	5	38	22	32
Nth Sunshine	24	13	3	8	40	26	29
Ivanhoe City	24	11	5	8	33	25	27
Ardeer	24	9	5	10	34	30	23
Melton	24	10	3	11	40	39	23
Ballarat	24	9	4	11	39	39	22
Regent	24	6	6	12	23	29	18
Central City	24	6	2	16	28	72	14
East Geelong	24	4	5	15	26	49	13
Brighton	24	4	3	17	21	67	11

RESERVES

Ivanhoe City	24	19	3	2	71	18	41
Clayton	24	18	1	5	73	20	37
Malvern City	24	15	2	7	92	44	32
Nth Sunshine	24	15	2	7	60	31	32
Ballarat	24	14	2	8	58	36	30
Ardeer	24	13	3	8	68	35	29
Melton	24	12	1	11	55	41	25
Greensborough	24	11	3	10	54	61	25
Regent	24	9	5	10	47	53	23
Brighton	24	2	7	15	29	68	11
Chelsea	24	4	3	17	36	132	11
Central City	24	2	5	17	26	87	9
East Geelong	24	3	1	20	42	85	7

PROV TWO

Westmeadows	26	18	7	1	73	34	43
Mossfiel	26	17	2	7	53	28	36
Brunswick City	26	15	6	5	55	32	36
Cranbourne	26	15	6	5	49	28	36
Berwick City	26	14	7	5	47	27	35
Ascot Vale City	26	14	6	6	57	32	34
Sth Yarra	26	11	4	11	43	42	26
Monbulk	26	10	4	12	32	40	24
Monash Uni	26	8	7	11	44	45	23
Dingley Utd	26	6	7	13	34	39	19
Batman Utd	26	9	1	16	38	63	19
Glenroy	26	7	4	15	39	48	18
Forest Hill	26	5	2	19	25	69	12
Wantirna	25	1	1	24	26	88	3

RESERVES

Westmeadows	26	17	5	4	74	25	39
Monash Uni	26	16	7	3	68	34	39
Berwick City	26	17	3	6	70	44	37
Mossfiel	26	15	5	6	57	32	35
Monbulk	26	11	9	6	55	39	31
Glenroy	26	8	10	8	54	43	26
Brunswick City	26	8	7	11	52	64	23
Batman Utd	26	8	6	12	47	57	22
Ascot Vale Cy	26	9	4	13	44	54	22
Cranbourne	26	7	7	12	36	42	21
Forest Hill	26	7	7	12	42	55	21
Dingley Utd	26	8	3	15	37	68	19
Wantirna	26	5	7	14	36	79	17
Sth Yarra	26	4	4	18	29	65	12

PROV THREE

Spr'vale	26	17	4	5	70	27	38
Lalor	26	17	2	7	55	32	36
Burwood Utd	26	15	6	5	46	25	36
Waverley Utd	26	12	7	7	46	28	31
R'wood Rvrs	26	10	8	8	45	37	28
South Sp'vale	26	11	6	9	53	49	28
Uni of Melb	26	12	4	10	45	43	28
Parkmore	26	11	3	12	41	46	25
St Kilda	26	10	4	12	42	49	24
Meadow Park	26	9	4	13	52	53	22
Port United	26	8	6	12	46	57	22
Richmond Utd	26	7	6	13	38	49	20
Mitcham Utd	26	5	3	18	33	66	13
Northern Utd	26	5	3	18	42	93	13

RESERVES

Sp'vale Condors	26	20	5	1	96	20	45
Uni of Melb	26	18	5	3	102	28	41
Meadow Park	26	18	5	3	79	26	41
Waverley Utd	26	14	7	5	81	28	35
Lalor	26	14	6	6	57	29	34
Burwood Utd	26	10	6	10	45	43	26
Mitcham	26	11	3	12	54	53	25
Sth Springvale	26	9	7	10	59	62	25
R'wood Rvrs	26	9	5	12	51	66	23
Parkmore	26	7	6	13	39	77	20
Richmond Utd	26	5	7	14	55	91	17
Northern Utd	26	5	4	17	41	94	14
St Kilda	26	4	4	18	43	67	12
Port United	25	2	2	22	21	139	6

PROV FOUR

Ascot St Marks	26	18	4	4	64	22	40
Kensington Utd	26	16	5	5	52	27	37
Brintons	26	16	3	7	56	37	35
Carrum Utd	26	15	5	6	45	27	35
West United	26	12	9	5	38	21	33
Lyndale Utd	26	11	5	10	49	46	27
Eagles Utd	26	8	8	10	26	36	24
Mulgrave Ascom	26	10	3	13	43	41	23
Altona United	26	7	8	11	27	35	22
Skye Rovers	26	6	8	12	24	39	20
Balaclava	26	5	9	12	29	52	19
Debney Park	26	6	6	14	29	52	18
Fitzroy City	26	5	6	15	25	50	16
Riversdale	26	3	9	14	30	52	15

RESERVES

West United	26	23	1	2	88	22	47
Skye Rovers	26	17	6	3	79	23	40
Ascot St Marks	26	16	4	6	62	34	36
Brintons	26	14	4	8	63	44	32
Eagles United	26	14	4	8	60	48	32
Riversdale	26	11	7	8	63	33	29
Carrum Utd	26	12	4	10	55	38	28
Kensington Utd	26	10	6	10	55	63	26
Lyndale Utd	26	9	7	10	37	44	25
Mulgrave Ascom	26	7	3	16	47	80	17
Altona United	26	6	5	15	61	98	17
Balaclava	26	6	3	17	44	83	15
Fitzroy City	26	6	1	19	36	77	13
Debney Park	26	2	3	21	41	101	7

AMAT 1 FIRST

Hawthorn Utd	24	17	4	3	61	22	38
Northern Subs	24	15	4	5	45	24	34
Waverley Wdrs	24	14	5	5	67	34	33
East Altona	24	14	3	7	60	36	31
Latrobe Uni	24	12	6	6	61	48	30
Epping Thistle	24	11	4	9	43	44	26
Collingwood Cy	24	10	5	9	47	43	25
Phillip Inst	24	9	6	9	35	35	24
Diggers Rest	24	9	4	11	35	39	22
Balwyn City	24	8	4	12	45	52	20
Melbourne Uni	24	8	4	12	37	53	20
Endeavour Hills	24	5	5	14	31	55	15
Maccabi	24	5	3	16	29	58	13
Diamond Valley	24	1	3	20	18	71	5

RESERVES

Waverley Wndrs	24	19	3	2	81	19	41
Northern Sbrs	24	15	3	6	66	40	33
East Altona	24	14	4	6	61	34	32
Latrobe Uni	24	14	2	8	45	38	30
Diggers Rest	23	11	6	6	53	50	28
Hawthorn Utd	24	12	3	9	56	47	27
Melbourne Uni	24	11	2	11	51	46	24
Phillip Inst	24	10	3	11	51	37	23
Collingwood Cy	24	8	5	11	49	67	21
Balwyn City	24	8	4	12	38	47	20
Endeavour Hills	24	7	4	13	33	53	18
Epping Thistle	24	5	7	12	41	63	17
Maccabi	24	3	5	16	29	66	11
Diamond Valley	23	3	3	17	25	75	9

AMAT 2 FIRSTS

Anstey Utd	21	19	1	1	75	20	39
Keilor United	20	13	3	4	51	26	29
Upfield	20	10	6	4	65	35	26
Camberwell Gmr	20	11	2	7	66	46	24
Yarra United	19	9	4	6	48	38	22
Intercity	20	6	10	4	42	35	22
Old Scotch	20	8	5	7	43	31	21
Rmit	20	7	5	8	50	56	19
Concorde	20	4	3	13	40	71	11
Oakleigh United	20	3	4	13	42	63	10
East Richmond	20	4	2	14	24	69	10
Old Paradians	20	1	5	14	21	77	7

RESERVES

Anstey United	21	18	2	1	71	18	38
Keilor United	20	12	5	3	70	22	29
Upfield	20	11	3	6	52	34	25
Old Scotch	20	10	4	6	47	32	24
Rmit	21	11	2	8	54	53	24
Intercity	19	7	5	7	28	32	19
Cambwerwell Grm	20	8	2	10	29	36	18
Concorde	20	8	2	10	35	47	18
Yarra United	20	4	6	10	26	39	14
East Richmond	19	5	1	13	24	37	11
Oakleigh United	18	4	2	12	21	57	10
Old Paradians	20	3	2	15	25	75	8

NYL ONE

Sunshine G.X.	24	18	3	3	76	24	39
Brunswick U.J.	24	16	6	2	73	21	38
South Melbourne	24	16	5	3	56	19	37
Preston	24	10	8	6	55	26	28
Melb. Croatia	24	12	4	8	46	50	28
Caulfield City	24	8	10	6	44	41	26
Footscray	24	9	2	13	40	50	20
Heidelberg Utd	24	8	4	12	47	64	20
Clarinda	24	7	3	14	37	57	17
Oakleigh	24	7	3	14	44	72	17
Waverley City	24	6	3	15	36	86	15
Nunawading City	24	5	4	15	34	51	14
Brighton	24	5	3	16	26	53	13

Best and Fairest Awards

DIVISION ONE
Carlos Retre
(South Melbourne Mordialloc).

DIVISION TWO
Joe Picioane (Westgate).

DIVISION THREE
Gustavo Alfonso (West Brunswick).

DIVISION FOUR
Periklis Belegrinos (Pascoe Vale).

Provisional League

DIVISION ONE
Ian Wallace (Malvern City).

DIVISION TWO
Leonard James (Mossfiel Rangers).

DIVISION THREE
Omiros Emmanoulidis (South Springvale).

DIVISION FOUR
James McIntyre (Brintos).

Amateur League

DIVISION ONE
Gordon Bednar (East Altona).

DIVISION TWO
Peter Fokiannos (Upfield).

Top Scorers

DIVISION ONE
15: K. Coyle (Essendon City)
11: B. Keenan (Ringwood City)
10: M. Catterson (Sunbury United)
S. Thomson (Ringwood City)
S. Magnano (Werribee)
9: A. Patsaman (Albion)
W. Auld (North Dandenong)
M. Ristovski (Altona Gate)
8: G. Gagic (Altona Gate)
C. Weiland (Richmond)

DIVISION TWO
18: P. Casco (Westgate)
15: I. Greener (Waverley City)
13: M. Murphy (Prahran City)
12: L. Stergiou (Clifton Hill)
11: G. Marchett (Westgate)
10: M. McGorian (Sandringham City)
D. Klepac (Mooroolbark)
9: D. Walmsley (Hamlyn Rangers)
8: M. Kresvan (Dandenong City)
G. Pavlidis (Eltham)

DIVISION THREE
14: T. Gameras (Clarinda)
11: G. Karipidis (Port Melbourne)
10: G. Lutgens (Springvale United)
G. Alfonso (West Brunswick)
R. Noggler (Corio/Geelong United)
8: S. Gregory (Moorabbin City)
F. Beller (Keilor)
7: M. Oppermann (Bell Park)
C. Plummer (Geelong)
A. Veleski (Springvale United)
M. Cabrera (West Brunswick)

DIVISION FOUR
22: J. Catterson (Coburg)
13: G. Radcliffe (Boronia)
A. Centorrina (Pascoe Vale)
12: A. Crompton (Keysborough)
Y. Gonullu (Holland Park)
11: K. Wall (Seaford United)
9: S. Dimitrievski (Williamstown)
N. Plaskett (Langwarrin)
H. Tangalos (Hawthorn)
A. Blondel (Boronia)

VIC JUNIORS

UNDER 11

CENTRAL A

Caulfield Cy A	16	14	1	1	88	10	29
East Richmond	16	12	0	4	44	18	24
Malvern City	16	11	1	4	50	24	23
Brighton	16	10	3	3	45	23	23
Clayton	16	5	4	7	49	40	14
Oakleigh	16	7	0	9	39	52	14
Footscray	16	5	0	11	17	47	10
Melbourne	16	1	2	13	15	88	4
Kew Eagles	16	1	1	14	17	62	3

CENTRAL B

Skye Rovers B	12	12	0	0	53	3	24
Beaumaris	11	7	1	3	24	15	15
East Bentleigh	12	5	2	5	34	22	12
Mordialloc	10	4	1	5	13	17	9
Clifton Hill	9	4	1	4	17	24	9
Maccabi	10	2	0	8	4	38	4
Sandringham	10	0	1	9	9	35	1

NORTHERN A

Preston A	18	15	2	1	77	12	32
B.U. Juventus	18	14	2	2	53	13	30
H'berg Utd A	18	12	2	4	45	19	26
Nth Reservoir	18	10	2	6	47	23	22
Fawkner	18	7	5	6	39	41	19
Melb Croatia	18	5	4	9	22	33	14
Lalor United	18	4	5	9	19	34	13
Northcote Cy A	18	3	5	10	16	41	11
Essendon City	18	7	3	13	14	71	7
Broadmeadows	18	1	4	13	9	54	6

NORTHERN B

Lalor	16	15	1	0	82	9	31
Regent	16	12	3	1	91	12	27
Preston B	16	10	3	3	68	24	23
Rosanna	16	10	1	5	62	31	21
Moreland Mdws	16	4	3	9	11	45	11
H'berg Utd B	16	4	2	10	17	57	10
Keon Park	16	2	4	10	18	59	8
S.S.G.X.	16	3	1	12	14	58	7
Northcote Cy B	16	2	2	12	8	76	6

PENINSULA

Seaford	18	15	1	2	97	14	31
Langwarrin	18	14	2	2	73	14	30
Peninsula	18	12	2	4	89	20	26
Chelsea	18	13	0	5	63	23	26
Cranbourne	17	9	1	6	46	27	20
Baxter	18	8	1	9	27	49	17
Hampton Park	18	6	1	11	35	80	13
Skye Rovers A	18	2	1	15	16	77	5
Berwick City	17	2	1	14	15	77	5
Sth Springvale	18	2	0	15	12	92	5

WESTERN A

Sunshine Hgts	18	15	2	1	88	8	32
Green Gully	18	14	3	1	88	16	31
East Altona	18	13	2	3	71	17	28
Altona City	18	10	1	7	48	26	21
Nth Geelong	18	10	0	8	50	47	20
St Albans	18	8	2	8	56	35	18
Albion	18	7	0	11	44	38	14
Maribyrnong Utd	18	4	0	14	19	79	8
Mossfiel	18	3	0	15	10	64	6
Yarraville	18	1	0	17	9	153	2

WESTERN B

Altona Gate	18	15	3	0	62	12	33
Nth Sunshine	18	12	4	2	47	14	28
Melton	18	9	6	3	43	16	24
Werribee	18	8	3	7	29	30	19
Sunbury	18	5	6	7	20	28	16
East Geelong	18	5	6	7	22	35	16
West United	18	5	4	9	27	36	14
Sydenham Park	18	3	5	10	25	46	11
Western Suburbs	18	3	4	11	20	47	10
Highpoint	18	2	5	11	20	51	9

EASTERN A

Mitcham	21	19	1	1	78	20	39
Karingal	21	17	2	2	86	17	36
Lyndale A	21	16	2	3	89	24	34
Doncaster Rvrs A	22	13	3	6	63	22	29
Springvale City	21	12	1	8	66	28	25
Waverley Cy A	21	10	3	8	42	30	23
Glen Waverley	21	10	0	11	50	69	20
Bulleen	22	5	5	12	33	67	15
Forest Hill	20	6	2	12	29	51	14
Nunawading Cy	21	5	2	14	46	77	12
Knox City	22	2	2	18	9	107	6
Eltham	21	0	1	20	9	88	1

EASTERN B

Clarinda	15	15	0	0	109	3	30
Croydon City	17	14	0	3	98	12	28
Lyndale B	17	13	2	2	60	18	28
Mulgrave	15	9	2	4	64	25	20
Mooroolbark	17	8	4	5	52	27	20
Waverley Cy B	17	5	3	9	13	52	13
Ringwood City	16	3	2	11	17	38	8
D'caster Rvrs B	17	3	1	13	12	84	7
Belgrave Sth	14	1	1	12	12	81	3
Box Hill	15	1	0	13	4	101	3

UNDER 12

CEN/PEN A

Peninsula	18	14	4	0	50	16	32
Sth Sp'vale A	18	13	3	2	54	9	29
Caulfield City	18	11	4	3	43	27	26
Beaumaris	18	9	3	6	49	29	21
Oakleigh	18	6	3	7	44	40	19
Skye Rovers	18	6	4	8	26	40	16
Kew Eagles	18	5	3	10	14	23	13
East B. Leigh A	18	4	3	11	30	51	11
Berkwick City	18	4	0	14	29	55	8
Nth Dandenong	18	2	0	15	16	65	5

CEN/PEN B

Sp'vale Utd	16	13	2	1	66	17	28
Seaford	16	11	3	2	80	15	25
Langwarrin	16	10	4	2	71	14	24
Mornington	16	8	2	6	39	28	18
Hastings A	16	6	5	5	70	27	17
Rosebud	16	3	5	8	22	44	11
Baxter	16	3	4	9	26	46	10
Cranbourne	16	2	3	11	26	54	7
Hastings B	16	1	2	13	11	166	4

EASTERN A

Sp'vale City A	18	16	1	1	62	17	33
Forest Hill	18	12	4	2	43	17	28
Mitcham	18	13	1	4	52	16	27
Knox City	18	10	3	5	48	25	23
Bulleen	18	8	5	5	33	34	21
Ferntree Gully	18	4	6	8	21	37	14
D'ster Rvrs A	18	6	1	11	22	41	13
Waverley Utd	18	4	2	12	25	42	10
Croydon City	18	1	4	13	13	55	6
Karingal A	18	0	5	13	11	46	5

EASTERN B

Waverley City	18	14	1	3	48	20	29
Clarinda	18	13	0	5	65	32	26
Nunawading Cy	18	12	2	4	44	22	26
Clayton	18	8	3	7	35	40	19
Malvern City	18	7	3	8	35	35	17
Mooroolbark	18	7	2	9	30	29	16
Parkmore	18	4	5	9	24	30	13
Belgrave Sth	18	4	5	9	22	42	13
Melbourne	18	3	5	10	34	65	11
Mulgrave	18	3	4	11	16	38	10
Sp'vale Cy Red	16	6	2	8	18	27	14
East Richmond	16	5	2	9	29	42	12
Hawthorn	13	3	1	9	18	48	7
Waverley City	15	1	2	12	12	41	4

EASTERN C

Dingley	16	15	0	1	118	14	30
Sth Sp'vale B	16	11	2	3	54	31	24
Glen Waverley	16	10	2	4	53	18	22
Boronia	16	8	3	5	58	30	19
Box Hill	16	8	3	5	48	31	19
Sp'vale City B	16	3	4	9	14	40	10
East B'leigh B	16	2	3	11	20	69	7
Doncaster Rvrs B	16	2	3	11	9	85	7
Monbulk	16	2	2	12	10	66	6

NTH WEST A

S'shine Heights	18	13	4	1	54	13	30
North Geelong	18	11	5	2	37	12	27
Preston A	18	12	1	5	35	13	25
B.U. Juventus	18	9	6	3	22	10	24
Lalor	18	10	2	6	34	18	22
St Albans	18	6	4	8	21	28	16
Altona City	18	5	4	9	27	32	14
Green Gully A	18	4	4	10	12	24	12
Nth Reservoir	18	3	2	13	15	51	8
Broadmeadows	18	0	2	16	3	59	2

NTH WEST B

Heidelburg Utd	18	12	5	1	40	13	29
Moreland Mdws	18	12	3	3	39	13	27
Regent	18	10	3	5	44	20	23
Yarraville	18	8	5	5	35	23	21
Essendon City	18	8	4	6	52	26	20
Maribyrnong Utd	18	6	5	7	24	18	17
Melb Croatia	18	7	2	9	31	37	16
Keilor	18	6	1	11	28	35	13
Lalor	18	3	5	10	19	45	11
Keon Park	18	0	3	15	6	88	3

NTH WEST C

Fawkner	18	16	2	0	80	8	34
Northcote City	18	13	4	1	66	14	30
Thomastown	18	9	7	2	42	18	25
Rosanna	18	8	4	6	44	40	20
Clifton Hill	18	7	3	8	27	40	17
S'shine Park	18	7	2	9	42	54	16
St Marks	18	5	4	9	19	47	14
Western Suburbs	18	5	3	10	26	45	13
Preston B	18	3	3	12	21	44	9
Footscray	18	1	0	17	12	69	2

NTH WEST D

Brunswick City	18	17	1	0	79	12	35
S.S.G.X.	18	15	2	1	95	11	32
Eltham	18	10	4	4	50	20	24
Lalor United B	18	5	9	4	20	19	19
Northern United	18	8	2	8	35	32	18
Sydenham Park	18	6	2	10	30	40	14
West Utd	18	5	3	10	18	35	13
Green Gully B	18	3	5	10	9	52	11
Thomastown B	18	2	4	12	15	69	8
Meadow Park	18	1	4	13	6	64	6

UNDER 13

Caulfield City	16	10	4	2	43	21	24
Box Hill A	16	11	1	4	55	17	23
Clarinda	15	10	1	4	38	29	21
Mooroolbark	15	8	1	6	34	18	17
Oakleigh	16	7	2	7	33	37	16

EASTERN B

Berwick City	18	16	2	0	74	8	34
Hampton Park	17	13	2	2	60	14	28
Cranbourne	18	8	5	5	37	31	21
Lyndale	18	9	2	7	32	22	20
Nunawading City	13	5	3	5	18	28	13
Dingley	17	5	1	11	18	32	11
Baxter A	15	5	1	9	18	40	11
Malvern City	18	4	3	11	24	52	11
Langwarrin	16	3	4	9	18	42	10
Croydon City	18	3	3	12	25	55	9

EASTERN C

Balaclava	12	10	1	1	68	17	21
Sp'vale Cndrs A	14	8	2	4	46	23	18
Karingal	13	7	2	4	30	12	16
Ringwood City	12	6	2	4	27	27	14
Forest Hill	14	4	4	6	26	42	12
Seaford	13	4	2	7	36	38	10
Ringwood Rvrs	14	4	2	8	28	47	10
Peninsula	12	0	3	9	14	69	3

NTH WEST A

Prahran	18	14	2	2	66	17	30
Western Suburbs	18	14	2	2	53	10	30
D'caster Rvrs A	18	9	4	5	22	18	22
Heidelberg Utd	18	9	3	6	30	21	21
Nth Reservoir	18	5	8	5	19	24	18
Moreland Mdws	18	5	5	8	19	19	15
Preston	18	7	1	10	26	35	15
Nth Geelong	18	5	3	10	22	43	13
Essendon City	18	5	2	11	23	39	12
Northern Utd	18	1	2	15	17	71	4

NTH WEST B

S'shine Hts A	16	11	3	2	36	19	25
Northcote City	16	10	3	3	43	19	23
East Altona	16	8	5	3	41	27	21
Clifton Hill	16	7	5	4	34	23	19
Bundoora	16	7	3	6	35	31	17
Brunswick City	16	5	5	6	23	26	15
Green Gully	16	3	3	10	13	33	9
Werribee	16	3	2	11	22	41	8
Footscray	16	3	1	12	25	53	7

NTH WEST C

Sunshine Park	16	12	2	2	55	15	26
Lalor Utd A	15	12	2	1	47	12	26
S'shine Hts B	16	11	2	3	47	16	24
Greensborough	15	10	0	5	42	23	20
Holland Park	14	6	4	4	36	16	16
Albion	16	5	3	8	35	45	13
Sunbury	16	5	1	10	24	48	11
S.S.G.X.	16	1	0	15	17	53	2
Mossfiel Rngs	16	1	0	15	12	87	2

NTH WEST D

B.U. Juventus B	14	12	1	1	56	7	25
Lalor	14	10	2	2	37	13	22
Watsonia	14	7	3	4	29	17	17
East Geelong	14	6	3	5	25	25	15
Meadow Park	14	5	2	7	25	25	12
Melton	14	3	3	8	16	38	9
Eltham	14	3	1	10	20	47	7
West Utd	14	1	3	10	7	43	5

RICOH S/L

Melb Croatia	18	16	1	1	65	21	33
B.U. Juventus A	18	9	4	5	35	16	22
Thomastown	17	10	2	5	29	26	22
Fawkner	18	8	5	5	32	21	21
Sth Springvale	17	7	3	7	31	36	17
Mitcham	18	7	2	9	44	47	16
Sp'vale City	18	6	3	9	18	32	15
Altona City	16	5	3	8	22	28	13
St Albans	15	4	4	7	26	35	12
Brighton A	17	0	1	16	17	57	1

UNDER 14

EASTERN A

Sp'vale City A	16	11	3	2	41	20	25
Nunawading City	16	10	3	3	36	19	23
Malvern City	16	9	3	4	30	24	21
Clarinda	16	9	2	5	49	32	20
Waverley Utd	16	7	5	4	28	18	19
Caulfield City	16	6	4	6	20	17	16
Waverley City	16	3	4	9	20	42	10
Skye Rovers A	16	1	3	12	15	39	5
Mooroolbark	16	1	3	12	21	49	5

EASTERN B

East Richmond	14	12	2	0	55	16	26
Forest Hill	14	11	1	2	42	17	23
Doncaster Rvrs	14	7	5	2	39	19	19
Mitcham	14	6	3	5	16	16	15
Keysborough	14	6	2	6	30	24	14
Karingal	14	2	3	9	15	36	7
Sth Melb Hls B	14	2	1	11	14	36	5
Beaumaris	14	0	3	11	10	57	3

EASTERN D

Dandenong City	18	14	1	3	94	16	29
Berwick City	18	13	3	2	61	14	29
Oakleigh B	18	14	1	3	51	13	29
Doveton	18	10	3	5	34	21	23
Port Melbourne	18	9	3	6	54	28	21
Croydon City B	18	6	6	6	27	17	18
Glen Waverley	18	3	4	11	16	65	10
Mornington B	18	2	5	11	11	60	9
Hastings	18	2	3	13	12	74	7
Frankston Pines	18	2	1	15	13	65	5

NORTHERN A

Heidelberg Utd	18	13	4	1	71	13	30
Lalor	18	13	2	2	48	24	28
Fawkner	18	9	7	2	31	11	25
Bulleen	18	8	3	7	31	22	19
Thomastown	18	7	2	9	30	29	16
Preston B	18	5	5	8	14	26	15
Northcote Cy A	18	4	5	9	21	38	13
North Reservoir	18	4	5	9	22	50	13
Pascoe Vale	18	2	7	9	21	34	11
Melb Croatia	18	3	4	11	17	59	10

NORTHERN B

New C'wood Utd	16	11	4	1	47	10	26
B.U. Juventus B	16	10	3	3	41	20	23
Regent	16	8	5	3	34	16	21
Moreland Mdws	16	6	4	6	19	25	16
Northcote Cy B	16	5	6	5	19	27	16
Broadmeadows	16	5	4	7	31	30	14
Greensborough	16	4	5	7	21	31	13
Lalor United	16	3	4	9	16	26	10
Bundoora	16	1	3	12	13	56	5

RICOH S/L

Croydon City A	18	14	3	1	51	9	31
Preston A	18	13	2	3	46	15	28
Altona Gate A	18	9	4	5	30	17	22
Seaford	18	9	3	6	26	17	21
B.U. Juventus A	18	6	8	4	19	12	20
Oakleigh A	18	5	7	6	29	26	17
St Albans	18	6	5	7	19	21	17
Sth Melb Hls A	18	3	8	7	12	27	14
Mornington A	18	3	2	13	16	51	8
Sp'vale Utd	18	0	2	16	6	59	2

WESTERN A

Green Gully	18	15	2	1	62	10	32
Nth Geelong	18	14	0	4	56	20	28
Yarraville	18	10	3	5	37	26	23
S.S.G.X.	18	9	4	5	42	24	22
East Altona	18	6	6	6	32	22	18
Geelong City	18	6	6	6	21	32	18
Footscray	18	7	1	10	39	29	15
Brunswick City	18	4	5	9	21	33	13
Altona City	18	2	3	13	7	56	7
Keilor	18	2	0	16	15	80	4

WESTERN B

Werribee	16	12	2	2	64	15	26
Maribymong Utd	16	12	2	2	57	12	26
West United	16	8	5	3	34	14	21
Highpoint	16	9	2	5	37	28	20
Corio-Glng Utd	16	6	4	6	20	27	16
Albion	16	6	3	7	24	24	15
Altona Gate B	16	4	4	8	25	41	12
Hamlyn Rangers	16	2	1	13	11	62	5
Sydenham Park	16	1	1	14	11	60	3

UNDER 15

EASTERN A

Waverley City	18	13	3	2	35	13	29
Sp'vale City	18	9	5	4	32	19	23
Oakleigh	18	10	2	6	40	26	22
Malvern City	18	8	6	4	27	19	22
Hawthorn A	18	8	3	7	40	26	19
Doncaster Rvrs A	18	6	5	7	31	36	17
Springvale Cndr	18	5	5	8	28	40	15
Mooroolbark	18	5	4	9	14	25	14
Lyndale	18	4	5	9	19	26	13
Sth Sp'vale	18	2	2	14	20	56	6

EASTERN B

S.M. Hellas	16	13	3	0	78	9	29
Clayton	16	11	4	1	87	26	26
Caulfield Cy A	16	10	4	2	51	19	24
Brighton A	16	7	2	7	28	50	16
Karingal A	16	6	3	7	27	34	15
Nunawading City	16	4	7	5	26	38	15
Glen Waverley	16	4	1	11	22	49	9
Ferntree Gully	16	2	3	11	24	45	7
Box Hill	16	0	3	13	12	85	3

EASTERN C

Brighton B	16	14	2	0	98	3	30
Croydon City	16	14	0	2	91	28	28
Skye Rovers B	16	9	2	5	26	28	20
Pakenham	16	6	4	6	28	29	16
Seaford	16	5	6	6	25	29	15
Monbulk	16	3	4	9	14	53	10
Cranbourne	16	5	0	11	27	71	10
Doncaster Rvrs B	16	1	6	9	12	49	8
Karingal B	16	3	1	12	26	57	7

NTH WEST A

Green Gully	18	12	3	3	54	16	27
Geelong City	18	11	5	2	43	18	27
Fawkner	18	10	5	3	29	14	25
Bulleen	18	10	4	4	29	15	24
Moreland Mdws	18	8	1	9	40	39	17
Lalor	18	6	4	8	28	24	16
Northcote City	18	5	6	7	36	38	16
Thomastown	18	5	4	9	27	37	14
Nth Reservoir	18	2	3	13	26	65	7
Broadmeadows	18	2	3	13	21	67	7

NTH WEST B

B.U. Juventus	10	8	2	0	49	11	18
Clifton Hill	10	6	2	2	43	21	14
Sydenham Park	10	6	1	3	34	25	13
Yarraville	10	3	2	5	21	21	8
Sunbury	10	1	2	7	5	32	4
St Marks	10	0	3	7	5	47	3

NTH WEST C

Western Suburbs	12	7	3	2	31	10	17
Greensborough	12	7	2	3	22	11	16
Northern United	12	6	4	2	24	14	16
Albion	12	4	4	4	30	15	12
Sunshine Park	12	3	4	5	26	20	10
Mossfield B	12	0	7	5	1	28	7
Hawthorn B	12	0	6	6	4	40	6

RICOH S/L

S.S.G.X.	18	13	3	2	44	12	27
Altona Gate	18	9	7	2	38	21	25
Melb Croatia	18	9	5	4	41	25	23
Knox City	18	10	1	7	30	18	21
Skye Rovers A	18	7	7	4	26	17	21
Footscray	18	5	8	5	28	29	18
Preston	18	4	8	6	19	23	16
East Richmond	18	3	4	11	20	57	10
Heidelberg Utd	18	2	5	11	13	30	9
Mossfiel	18	2	4	12	11	38	8

UNDER 16

EASTERN A

Bulleen	18	16	1	1	47	11	33
Sp'vale Utd	18	12	4	2	43	13	28
Seaford	18	12	3	3	63	25	27
Waverley Cy A	18	8	3	7	29	36	19
Sp'vale Condors	18	6	5	7	31	26	17
Sp'vale City	18	6	4	8	34	27	16
Clarinda	18	6	1	11	22	44	13
Nunawading City	18	5	1	12	28	41	11
Ferntree Gully	18	5	1	12	30	52	11
Keysborough	18	2	1	15	15	64	5

EASTERN B

Port Melbourne	14	12	0	2	57	12	24
East Richmond	14	11	1	2	75	19	23
Berwick City	13	8	1	4	37	16	17
Karingal	14	7	2	5	45	26	16
Sandringham	14	6	1	7	37	28	13
Doncaster Rvrs	14	6	1	7	40	35	13
Melbourne	14	2	0	12	33	86	4
Beaumaris	13	0	0	13	9	111	0

NTH WEST A

Clifton Hill	17	14	0	3	56	17	28
Fawkner	16	12	2	2	42	16	26
Meadow Park A	18	12	2	4	37	24	26
Lalor United	18	11	2	5	61	26	24
Nth Geelong	18	10	2	6	39	29	22
Melb Croatia	18	8	2	8	32	29	18
West United	17	4	3	10	22	39	11
Altona City	18	3	3	12	33	44	9
Ascot Vale City	18	4	0	14	22	50	8
Bundoora	18	2	0	16	20	90	4

NTH WEST B

Essendon City	16	15	0	1	121	17	30
Heidelberg Utd	16	13	0	3	103	17	26
Werribee	16	10	0	6	70	28	20
Prahran	16	9	2	5	43	29	20
Greensborough	16	9	0	7	50	41	18
Hamyln Rangers	16	5	3	8	27	57	13
Meadow Park B	17	4	0	13	32	70	8
Eltham	16	2	1	13	17	118	5
Melton	16	2	0	14	20	100	4

RICOH S/L

Malvern City	18	12	3	3	68	31	27
S'shine Heights	18	13	1	4	52	32	27
Lalor	18	9	5	4	33	26	23
S.S.G.X.	18	9	3	6	37	26	21
B.U. Juventus	18	6	5	7	26	32	17
Sth Springvale	18	5	7	6	31	38	17
Caulfield City	18	6	4	8	26	33	16
Oakleigh	18	5	4	9	30	43	14
Preston	18	4	3	11	21	36	11
Mordialloc	18	1	5	12	20	47	7

UNDER 18

VSF EASTERN

Waverley Utd	19	14	0	5	50	25	28
Mulgrave	19	12	4	3	57	38	28
Mooroolbark	18	10	3	5	44	20	23
Doncaster Rvrs	18	8	4	6	31	27	20
Sp'vale Condors	17	8	3	6	42	38	19
Croydon City	16	6	4	6	30	29	16
Clayton	19	8	0	11	40	48	16
Seaford	19	6	3	10	42	40	15
Ringwood City	18	6	2	10	42	52	14
Malvern City	18	6	2	10	24	40	14
Skye Rovers	19	3	1	15	24	69	7

VSF NORTHERN

B.U. Juventus	20	14	4	2	73	17	32
Melb Croatia	21	12	6	3	57	30	30
Nth Geelong	18	13	2	3	54	25	28
Sth Melb Hellas	20	12	3	5	52	22	27
Clifton Hill	19	12	2	5	52	26	26
Green Gully	21	8	6	7	45	38	22
Northcote City	19	8	2	9	34	47	18
Heidelberg Utd	19	7	3	9	30	43	17
West Brunswick	19	4	3	12	26	53	11
Oakleigh	20	4	3	13	31	61	11
Nth Reservoir	18	2	2	14	16	40	6
Eltham	20	2	2	16	25	93	6

VICTORIAN SOCCER HISTORY

FIRST DIVISION CHAMPIONS

1909	Carlton United
1910	Carlton United
1911	Williamstown
1912	Williamstown, Yarraville
1913	Yarraville
1914	Melbourne Thistle
1915	Melbourne Thistle
1916	No Competition
1917	No Competition
1918	No Competition
1919	Northumberland
1920	Northumberland
1921	Windsor
1922	Northumberland
1923	St Kilda
1924	Footscray Thistle
1925	Melbourne Thistle
1926	Footscray Thistle
1927	Prahran City
1928	Flinders Naval Depot
1929	Footscray Thistle
1930	Footscray Thistle
1931	Brunswick
1932	Footscray Thistle
1933	Royal Caledonians
1934	Hakoah
1935	Hakoah
1936	Moreland
1937	Moreland
1938	Hakoah
1939	Prahran
1940	Nobels
1941	Moreland
1942	Prahran
1943	Moreland Hakoah
1944	Prahran
1945	Prahran
1946	Moreland
1947	Sunshine United
1948	Box Hill
1949	Brighton
1950	Sunshine United
1951	Yallourn
1952	Juventus
1953	Juventus
1954	Juventus
1955	Juventus
1956	Juventus
1957	J.U.S.T.

STATE LEAGUE

1958	Juventus
1959	Wilhelmina
1960	Polonia
1961	Polonia
1962	Sth Melb. Hellas
1963	J.U.S.T.
1964	Sth Melb. Hellas
1965	Sth Melb. Hellas
1966	Sth Melb. Hellas
1967	Melbourne
1968	Croatia
1969	J.U.S.T.
1970	Juventus
1971	J.U.S.T.
1972	Sth Melb. Hellas
1973	J.U.S.T.
1974	Sth Melb. Hellas
1975	Alexander
1976	Sth Melb. Hellas
1977	George Cross
1978	Croatia
1979	Croatia
1980	Makedonia
1981	Green Gully
1982	Green Gully
1983	Green Gully
1984	Morwell Falcons
1985	Croydon
1986	Croydon
1987	Polonia

DOCKERTY CUP

1909	Carlton United
1910	Carlton United
1911	St Kilda
1912	Williamstown
1913	Yarraville
1914	Melbourne Thistle
1915	Melbourne Thistle
1916	
1917	First World War
1918	
1919	Footscray Thistle
1920	Finalists: Albert Park and Northumberland and Durham (game abandoned)
1921	Northumberland and Durham
1922	Albert Park
1923	St Kilda
1924	Navy
1925	Melbourne Thistle
1926	Navy
1927	Footscray Thistle
1928	Navy
1929	Footscray Thistle
1930	Footscray Thistle
1931	Wonthaggi Magpies
1932	Footscray Thistle
1933	Brighton
1934	Royal Caledonians
1935	Hakoah
1936	Royal Caledonians
1937	Brighton
1938	Nobels
1939	I.C.I. (formerly Nobels)
1940	I.C.I.
1941	Moreland
1942	Prahran
1943	Brighton
1944	Brighton
1945	Moreland Hakoah
1946	Prahran
1947	South Yarra
1948	Park Rangers
1949	Park Rangers
1950	Moreland
1951	J.U.S.T.
1952	Brighton
1953	Hakoah
1954	Hakoah
1955	Hakoah
1956	Hakoah
1957	Moreland
1958	Wilhelmina
1959	George Cross
1960	Juventus
1961	Polonia
1962	George Cross
1963	J.U.S.T.
1964	Slavia
1965	Slavia
1966	Hakoah
1967	Slavia
1968	Croatia
1969	Croatia
1970	Juventus
1971	Juventus
1972	Juventus
1973	Hakoah
1974	Sth Melb. Hellas
1975	Sth Melb. Hellas
1976	J.U.S.T.
1977	Juventus
1978	George Cross
1979	Croatia
1980	Croatia
1981	Green Gully
1982	Green Gully
1983	Croatia
1984	Fawkner
1985	Croatia
1986	Green Gully
1987	Juventus

AMPOL CUP WINNERS

1955	J.U.S.T.
1956	J.U.S.T.
1957	J.U.S.T.
1958	George Cross
1959	Juventus
1960	J.U.S.T.
1961	George Cross
1962	Wilhelmina
1963	Polonia
1964	Polonia
1965	George Cross
1966	J.U.S.T.
1967	Slavia
1968	Croatia
1969	Hellas
1970	Hellas
1971	Croatia
1972	Croatia
1973	Melbourne
1974	George Cross
1975	J.U.S.T.
1976	Hellas
1977	Croatia
1978	Croatia
1979	Green Gully
1980	Croatia
1981	Green Gully
1982	Hellas
1983	Green Gully

BUFFALO GOLD CUP WINNERS

1984	Sth Melb. Hellas
1985	Heidelberg Alex.
1986	Croatia
1987	Croatia

ARMSTRONG CUP WINNERS

1913	Burns F.C.
1914	Sandringham F.C.
1921	Thistle F.C.
1922	Footscray Thistle A
1923	Footscray Thistle A
1924	Essendon F.C.
1925	Brunswick F.C.
1926	Essendon F.C.
1929	Navy Reserve
1930	Navy Reserve
1931	South Yarra F.C.
1932	Footscray Thistle F.C.
1933	Royal Caledonian and South Melbourne
1935	South Yarra
1937	South Yarra
1938	Nobels
1939	I.C.I. (Nobels)
1940	I.C.I.
1946	Sunshine United
1947	Prahran
1950	South Yarra
1951	South Yarra
1952	Juventus
1953	Footscray City
1954	Moreland
1955	Juventus
1956	Hakoah
1957	Polonia
1958	Hakoah
1959	Polonia
1960	Box Hill
1961	Wilhelmina
1963	Box Hill
1964	Hakoah
1965	St Albans
1966	Croatia
1967	Slavia
1968	J.U.S.T.
1969	Wilhelmina
1970	Hakoah
1971	Wilhelmina
1972	Wilhelmina
1973	Polonia
1974	North Carlton
1975	Hakoah
1976	George Cross
1977	Croatia
1978	Green Gully
1979	Slavia
1980	Hakoah
1981	Heidelb. Alexander
1982	Hellas-Hakoah
1983	Green Gully
1984	Box Hill
1985	Springvale City
1986	Prahran Celtic
1987	Waverley City

STATE LEAGUE CUP FINALS

1969	Juventus 3 JUST 2
1970	Juventus 3 Melbourne 1
1971	Croatia 3 Hellas 2
1972	No competition
1973	G. Cross 3 Hakoah 1
1974	JUST 2 Heidelberg 1
1975	JUST 1 Mooroolbark 1, JUST won 5-4 on penalties
1976	JUST 2 Hellas 1
1977	G. Cross 2 Slavia 1
1978	Croatia 3 G. Cross 2
1979	Croatia 2 Makedonia 1
1980	Croatia 1 Makedonia 0
1981	Croatia 2 Doveton 1
1982	G. Gully 3 Morw. F. 0
1983	Croatia 4 G. Gully 0
1984	Morw. F. 1 Polonia 0
1985	Box Hill 1 Morw. F. 0
1986	Croydon 4 F. Pines 1
1987	Green Gully 3 Polonia 0

BULLEEN TOIL TO TOP

VICTORIAN SCENE

GREG BLAKE surveys the situation . . .

THE rise of Bulleen to its newly found Victorian State League status is hardly the stuff of fairytales.

Rather it has been the sheer hard toil, determination and endeavour of all involved at the club over the past decade which has seen Bulleen climb from relative obscurity into the state's premier competition.

The 1980's has seen Bulleen from the middle rungs of the Provisional League through some six divisions and into the Victorian State League for the first time next season.

After initially having to entice the support of the hugely successful Veneto Italian Social Club the Bulleen Soccer Club is now backed to the hilt by enthusiastic Veneto Club administration.

Bulleen is surely the way Soccer in this state is headed.

Its ground is as good as any in the league with its facilities lavish and similarly impressive, putting to shame some of its NSL counterparts.

Bulleen, with a new coach in former Socceroo veteran Jimmy Rooney at the helm for 1988, had its best ever year in 1987 as it won the Victorian First Division title.

But only after a tight struggle against championship favourite and eventual runner-up Ringwood City.

The title race came down to the very final game of the season with Bulleen due to play a postponed fixture away to rival Italian outfit Essendon City.

JIMMY ROONEY exchanges pleasantries with his Czech counterpart, way back in 1980. Two other familiar faces are officials Tony Boskovic (left) and Doug Rennie (third from left). Rooney now coaches Bulleen.

The official league season had ended a week before with Ringwood City winning its final game to claim top spot on the table — a position it had held almost all year.

Bulleen, as runner-up, had already earned promotion to the State League but it needed to win this final match to cap off an extraordinary season by winning division one in its first attempt.

The dream came true as Bulleen won a sensational 'Italian derby' 2-1 to clinch the title.

Going up with Bulleen is Ringwood City, better known as Ringwood Wilhelmina.

Relegated from the State League in 1986 Ringwood had little trouble in bouncing back at the first attempt as they stayed at or around the top of the first division all season.

Ringwood should be no stranger to State League fans having spent some 24 seasons in the State League between 1958 and 1986.

The Dutch-backed Wilhelmina's golden years were surely 1958 to 1962 when the club won Dockerty Cup, Ampol Cup and State League Championship honours.

Into division one for 1987 comes one new face in second division champion Westgate and an old familiar face in former NSL club Mooroolbark.

The Barkers will be remembered for their one and only ill-fated season in the NSL way back in the way first year of that competition over a decade ago.

Mooroolbark finished last and the debts the club incurred in that one season nearly saw the club out of business completely.

Thankfully the Barkers have fought back from adversity, and the relative obscurity of the lower leagues.

Mooroolbark deserves a place in Victorian Soccer folklore — if it hadn't been for that club's courage in breaking from the State League to join the new NSL the likes of South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg Alexander mightn't have followed suit to get the league off the ground.

HARRIS' VIC ROTHMANS

Paul Harris of Caulfield City won the Victorian Rothmans Medal in a cliffhanger finish last Friday night.

As the last vote came out, three players, Box Hill's Dean Hennessey, Morwell Falcon's Effie Cassar and Harris were all level on 34, and the Caulfield committeemen jumped in delight as Harris's name came up for the last vital three votes.

VICTORIAN Rothmans Medal winner — PAUL HARRIS (Caulfield City) shows off his medal to VSF president JACK REILLY after his triumph last year.

37: P. Harris
34: D. Hennessey, E. Cassar
23: B. Cullina
21: E. Burns
19: L. Carter, A. Patiniotis, A. Dick
17: S. Beech, G. Watson, J. Williams
16: A. Livingstone, P. Thurlow, R. Nelson
15: I. Tuffield, T. Cumming, K. Drakeford
13: J. O'Callaghan, D. Morovic, D. Tuck, W. Hammill
12: B. Burton, J. Vizzini, P. Bordignon, J. Wycislik, P. Czapnik, K. Storm, R. Krajacic, B. Coyle.

PAUL HARRIS, Caulfield City's Rothmans Medal winner beats JOE SWEENEY in a heading duel.

QUEENSLAND

LIONS ROAR IN GRAND FINAL

A headed goal from Dave Wheeler ended Azzurri Brisbane City's hopes of victory in the 1987 Queensland grand final played at Perry Park.

Brisbane Lions won the tension — filled match 2-1 with goals from Wheeler and John Ogden, with Irish import Martin Nugent scoring for City from a ball that was deflected past Lions' keeper Jason Kearton.

Queensland fans enjoyed the return of Lions and City to the domestic XXXX State League, making it more competitive than ever. In excess of 6000 delighted fans attended the grand final.

Long-serving QSF president Ian Brusasco said: "We now have a solid base and a saleable product which will enable us to compete with the other codes."

But any semblance of uniformity flew out the window when the Lions crushed Adelaide Hellas 6-0 on aggregate over two games to power their way back into the National Soccer League.

It seems that the drive to secure the highest possible standard of football is close to unstoppable.

Added Mr Brusasco: "I just hope the NSL does the right thing by the Lions."

The run through to the XXXX League final series was one of the closest in years.

Although Lions had the quality players to tear away from their opponents, it did not happen that way.

They faltered badly before recovering their equilibrium as North Star and then revitalised Brisbane City breathed down their necks.

Ultimately the Lions (35pts) had only a point margin over City, with North star just a further point in arrears.

North Star annexed the club championship from Brisbane Lions and Grange Thistle.

In Second Division it was Brisbane Croatia who won through with a two-point margin over Wynnum, with Acacia Ridge and Inala City behind them again.

Croatia, with their community centre under construction and vocal crowd, have vowed to put the pressure on the long-established leading clubs this season.

Bottom of page: City's skipper FRANK MENGOTTI, voted Queensland's 1987 Player of the Year. The 25-year-old is an extremely talented attacking fullback.

DAVE WHEELER, the hero for Brisbane Lions in the grand final against Azzurri Brisbane City at Perry Park. Wheeler headed the 2-1 winner.

Marvellous Mengotti

Frank Mengotti, the Brisbane City Azzurri captain, was voted Queensland's 1987 Player of the Year.

The 25 year old full-back was presented with his award at the Australian Soccer Press Association Queensland Division night.

He was the scorer in the Queensland-NSW interstate clash and had covered himself with glory throughout the club season.

Aged 25, he is extremly versatile and at his most dangerous best when he comes from defence on the attack.

Although his club Coalstars was modestly placed in the league, midfielder Andy Ogden was voted Queensland's Players' Player of the Year.

Honours as Rookie of the Year went to Scott Playle, who moved over to Scotland to join Glasgow Rangers reserves for a trial, and was offered a contract.

Coach of the year was Juan Cutillas and Tony Slater Referee of the Year.

Van Win's victory

WINNER

To capture the Rothmans Medal at just 17 years of age is certainly a record for the awards made right throughout Australia.

And that is what Richard Van Win, the pocket battleship of Redlands United, managed for the season.

Van Win joined Redlands from Brisbane Lions this year.

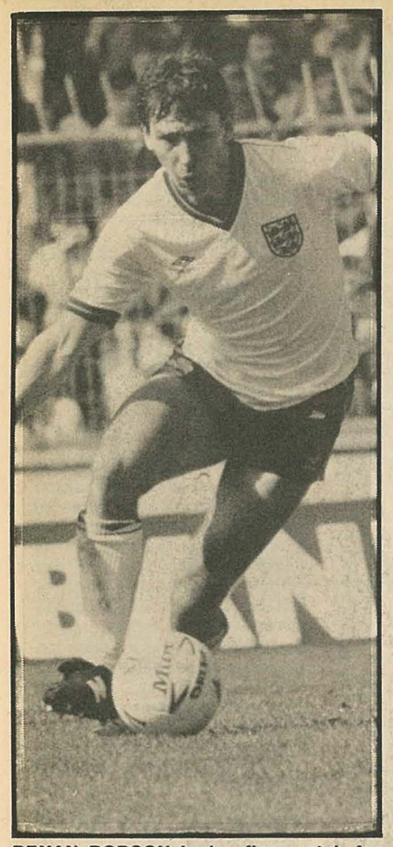
In an unusual turn of events, he was called aside by veteran former Medal winner Ron Millman.

"Knuckle down and do as well as you can over the final games. You are in with a chance," Millman counselled.

The message was heeded and Van Win just steered ahead over the final games.

He won narrowly from pre-post favourite Frank Mengotti, Chetha Vosuga and Craig Low.

Van Win has been in Brisbane Lions' sights again for a midfield role.



BRYAN ROBSON had a fine match for Queensland against NSW.

ROBSON AIDS THE MAROONS

In a magnificent promotional measure, the Queensland Soccer Federation secured the services of England's captain Bryan Robson to play in the interstate match against New South Wales at Perry Park.

His superb touch and modest manner captivated the 5000 strong Perry Park crowd, who gave a raptuous response when Frank Mengotti pulled a late 1-1 equaliser out of the hat from a Russell Stewart pass.

The roar of the crowd more than equalled anything heard in the National Soccer League. There would not have been many — if any — games as exciting as this one played in Australia all year.

Certainly television cover was required, and once again the need for well-promoted interstate matches was emphasised, including a return visit by Queensland to NSW.

Robson often thought well ahead of his team mates on the day, and the atmosphere electrified when he moved into action.

Of NSW keeper Anthony Franken, Robson said: "He made one save which was as good as anything you could see in the English First Division."

QUEENSLAND: Gallagher, Mengotti, Liddell, Williamson, Niven, Kirsopp, Robson, Ogden, Morton (Druery 78m), Brusasco, Wheeler (Stewart 54m).

NSW: Franken, Hooker, Bertogna, Dakos, M. Brown, Zajmi, Gray (Jones 78), Gomez, Tredinnick, Slater, Saad.

Referee: W. Monteverde.

Crowd: 5000.

Brisbane Lions with promotion

The 6-0 aggregate win over Adelaide Hellas placed Brisbane Lions' paws firmly in the National Soccer League camp, with a crowd of 3500 delighted with the 4-0 addition to the tally at Richlands Stadium in the return leg.

With an outstanding and improved Richlands facility, this well-managed club has a stability rarely equalled in Australian Soccer.

In addition they have had the opportunity to learn from their earlier NSL experience.

A decision has to made over whether to fully represent Brisbane, which could turn out to be their playing name.

Also they have faced up to whether to play centrally at Perry Park and invite the general public in.

Club officials are delighted to have secured the services of Juan Cutillas as coach.

Cutillas has created a tremendous impression after coming to Australian from Spain via the Philippines, where he served as National Coach for both football and basketball.

Queensland's desire to have the strongest XXXX League showpiece is understandable, but to play in the NSL is something else.

Clubs like St George, Apia-Leichhardt, Preston and Adelaide City will exert a pressure that simply cannot be duplicated in the Sunshine State.

Cutillas will have a strong squad, even allowing for the difficulty that some players have gone overseas temporarily.

"The Lions offer was too good to refuse," he said. "The lure to be engaged in the National League was so strong."

NORTH 'STARS'

The 1987 club champions were North Star, who took the title for the second consecutive year to confirm their ranking as the strongest all-round club in Queensland.

But it was a thrilling finish this time, with North Star snaring the title by only a point in the final round from Lions.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

This season's final club championship table was:

North Star	88	52	13	23	185	114	117
Lions	88	51	14	23	179	92	116
Grange T	88	44	21	23	148	92	109
Easts	88	40	18	30	141	105	98
Rochedale	88	37	19	32	145	137	93
Ipswich Utd	88	31	26	31	123	126	88
Azzurri BC	88	33	18	37	139	161	84
Taringa R	87	29	19	39	135	157	77
Mt Gravatt	88	26	20	42	114	175	72
Redlands Utd	87	25	19	43	121	191	69
Olympic Utd	88	26	15	47	125	168	67
Coalstars	88	24	16	48	112	149	64

SCOOP FOR COOPER

Kieran Cooper, of Azzurri Brisbane City won the prize for being the season's leading XXXX League scorer.

Cooper netted 19 goals in the 22 rounds of fixtures. The leading scorer prize was a weekend for two at the Rocks Resort. Currumbin, courtesy of longtime Queensland Soccer friend, Barrie Roberts.

Although Cooper led the leading scorers' list for much of the season, he comprehensively clinched the title in the final round when he netted four times against Mount Gravatt.

Cooper also scored four goals in the 6-2 preliminary final over North Star.

He could be appearing in the National League this year, as he wishes to further his semi-professional career.

DAVID RICHARDSON

AMPOL HONOURS

Coalstars retained the Ampol Cup last season when they beat Olympic United 5-3 in the final.

David Richardson scored a hat-trick while Coalstars' other scorers were Andy Ogden and Bruce Penman. Stephen Glockner, Paul Barry and Mick Cernaka netted for Olympic United.

North Star won the President's Cup for first round leaders when they defeated Lions 4-3 on penalties after a scoreless 90 minutes in the play-off. Croatia beat Juventus Trident 3-1 on penalties, after a 2-2 scoreline, to win the Intermediate Cup.

Brisbane Lions beat Redlands 2-0 to win the XXXX pre-season tournament while Azzurri Brisbane City won the Golden Circle trophy for the best-performed second round team.

QUEENSLAND'S FAR FLUNG JUNIORS

Queensland is the only state to rival NSW in the combined areas of strength and size of its junior organisation.

The Queensland Junior Soccer Council's reponsibilities extend from the South East corner of the state to up beyond Cairns as well as to the inland.

The state is divided into nine areas, each of which comprises groups of associations.

Although some other states are producing more internationals than Queensland at this stage, it is inevitable that the tide will turn.

Townsville youngster Darren Freiberg, who last season moved to Brisbane to play senior football with XXXX League club Coalstars, was selected in the Australian under 16 squad which reached the quarter-finals of the Junior World Cup in Canada.

And two Queensland Soccer products, former Pine Rivers juniors Jason Polak and John Koch, were with the Australian youth team for the world championships in Chile. Polak and Koch have spent the past two years at the Australian Institute of Sport and are rated among the most exciting players from the 18-man Young Socceroos squad.

This year they both could be wearing Sydney Croatia colours in the NSL.

Here is a summary of this season's junior representative scene.

Under 13
STATE TITLES (CAIRNS)

Brisbane South	9	7	2	- 37	3	16
North Queensland	9	6	1	2 21	5	13
Far North Qld	9	6	1	2 14	8	13
South West Qld	9	5	3	1 14	9	13
Brisbane North	9	3	3	3 23	10	9
South East Qld	9	3	2	4 18	10	8
Wide Bay	9	2	3	4 12	13	7
Southern North Qld	9	1	4	4 11	14	6
Central Queensland	9	2	1	6 13	19	5
North West Qld	9	-	-	9 2	74	0

The State team, which was coached by Peter Kelly and managed by Barry Bainbridge, played at Murwillumbah (NSW) was:

Todd Strike (FNQ), Craig Hodges (NQ), Byron Darkert (NQ), Scott Dewar (NQ), Steven Brewington (NQ), Kent Bird (SWQ), Craig McConnell (SWQ), Bradley Ditton (SNQ), Philip Cochrane (SNQ), Rodney Huggins (SEQ), Andrew McKenzie (BN), Brentley Jefferd (BS), Sean Cranney (BS), Kieren Galloway (BS), Brett Wass (BS), Stephen Maher (BS). **Shadow Reserves:** Lee Sawyer (NQ), Andrew Berkman (CO), Bernard Schick (CQ), Colin Meitzel (SNQ).

Under 14
STATE TITLES (MOUNT ISA)

Brisbane South	9	8	- 1	38	2	16
Brisbane North	9	8	- 1	33	5	16
Wide Bay	9	8	- 1	23	7	16
Southern North Qld	9	5	- 4	9	16	10
Far North Qld	9	4	1 4	15	24	9
North Queensland	9	3	2 4	10	9	8
South West Qld	9	2	1 6	11	22	5
South East Qld	9	1	3 5	5	25	5
Central Queensland	9	1	2 6	10	19	4
North West Qld	9	-	1 8	7	33	1

The State team, was coached by Brian MacNicol and managed by Peter Cox, played at the nationals at Devonport (Tas) and was:

Matthew Cassey (FNQ), Mark Nosworthy (NQ), Christopher Wood (WB), Trent Reisenleiter (WB), Martin Barr (WB), Nicholas Stathis (BS), Philip Lavery (BS), Zachery Mina (BS), Garth Hicks (BS), Scott Atanosoff (BS), Demetri Theochari (BN), Tony Delvecchio (BN), Reece James (BN), Edward Lees (SEQ), Jason Hassan (SNQ), Noel Brecknell (SNQ). **Shadow Reserves:** Gavin Gilboy (NQ), Darren Hillier (BS), Neil Patterson (BN). **Withdrawn from team:** Darren Bender (BN).

Under 15
STATE TITLES (THE GAP)

Brisbane South	9	7	2	- 19	2	16
Brisbane North	9	6	3	- 13	3	15
North Queensland	9	4	3	2 10	5	11
Far North Qld	9	3	3	3 8	7	9
South West Qld	9	3	1	5 8	10	7
South East Qld	9	2	3	4 3	6	7
Central Queensland	9	3	1	5 7	12	7
Wide Bay	9	3	1	5 5	12	7
North West Qld	9	2	2	5 7	11	6
Southern North Qld	9	2	1	6 4	15	5

The State team, was coached by George Pagan and managed by John Bomben, played at the nationals in Perth (WA) and was:

Glen Gwynne (FNQ), Peter Hurney (FNQ), Simon Kaukiainen (FNQ), Edward Cassidy (NQ), Paul Roncato (NQ), Chris Knight (BS), Troy Cranney (BS), Martin Fehilberg (BS), John Covic (BS), Craig Thompson (BS), Alfredo Lasen (SEQ), Craig Halliwell (SEQ), Michael Cristaldi (SNQ), Gregory Bell (SNQ), Darren McGrath (SNQ), Paul Able (SWQ). **Shadow Reserves:** Gerard Marano (NQ), Richard Nicol (CQ), Neil Sauer (WB). **Withdrew from team:** Christos Thomas (BN).

The strong Brisbane City area is divided between the Brisbane North and Brisbane South Associations.

Inter-Association winners were: U11: Moggill, U12: North Star, U13: Goodna, U14: North Star, U15: Brisbane City/Taringa, Colts: Inala City.

QUEENSLAND WOMEN

SUE MONTEATH (Queensland and Australia)

Sue Monteath, Lyn Spencer, Kerry and Jo-Anne Millman, Leanne Priestley and Michelle Sawyers won selection in the Australian team for the Chinese Taipei tournament.

The state finished third in the Commonwealth at senior, under 18 and 15 levels.

The 1987 squads were:

SENIOR: Kaye O'Sullivan, Roby Priest, Kim Dunlop, Joanne Millman, Kerry Millman, Vickie Turnbull, Lyn Spence, Sharon Wass, Leanne Priestley, Leonie Yow Yeh, Sue Monteath, Sue Bubeck, Tracie McLeod, Tamie Eiby, Donna Fredrickson, Rosalyn Brook, Teri McQueen, Michelle Sawyers, Maria Rogers, Gayle Schneider, Klara Szabo, Moana Brecklemans, Vanessa Bunch, Kelly Drake, Bev Rehbock.

UNDER 18: Jackie Wortley, Tracey Young, Melissa Bale, Raeanne Dower, Marietta Scheyka, Leanne Augustine, Samantha O'Brien, Angela Van Eyk, Melissa Soppa, Jodie Jarman, Lesley Morgan, Kim Ketter, Danielle Burns, Helen Mackay.

UNDER 15: Leanne Bone, Claire Nichols, Natalie Dower, Kristie Parsons, Noretta Colbertaldo, Melissa Fenech, Zoe Smith, Tania Corbett, Claire Driessen, Katrina Hardy, Cheryl Tate, Cassell Turner, Lisa Coccetti, Peta Quail, Naomi Hockey, Robyn Horne.

HADDOW CHOSEN

The award of ANZ Queensland Colt of the Year went to North Star midfielder Shane Hadow.

Haddow, a former Maryborough player who came to Brisbane to study last year, has represented Queensland at Under 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and Youth (18) level and is a member of the North Star XXXX League team squad.

"All 38 nominations were top class youth palyers and pushed Shane all the way," said QSF president Ian Brusasco.

Haddow was presented with his trophy on grand final day. ANZ Queensland marketing manager, Mr Peter Hall, made the presentation on behalf of Queensland general manager, Bernie Dawson.

"Shane Haddow has had a great season in both the Brisbane competition and as a member of the Queensland team at the Under 18 national championship. He has received many acolades this year, but winning the ANZ Bank Colt of the Year will prove beyond doubt that he is on his wayu to the top of his sport," Mr Hall said.

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell, who was on the Selection Committee, described Haddow as an exciting young player "who has the ability to continue at the highest level and ultimately achieve senior state and international representative honours."

"Through consistent performances in reserve grade, Shane forced his way into the North Star top team midway through the season and has maintained his position in the first team squad," said Haddow's club coach Iain Fagan.

Others who came under strong consideration for the colt award included Australian Under 16 representative Darren Freiberg, Lions goalkeeper Jason Kearton and Wide Bay defender Mark Geritz.

QUEENSLAND 1987 TABLES

XXXX LEAGUE

Lions	22	17	1	4	57	18	35
Azzurri BC	22	14	6	2	50	22	34
North Star	22	14	5	3	45	22	33
Easts	22	11	4	7	39	27	26
Mt Gravatt	22	9	4	9	39	36	22
Olympic Utd	22	9	2	11	35	42	20
Coalstars	22	7	5	10	31	31	19
Redlands Utd	22	7	5	10	30	49	19
Rochedale	22	6	5	11	31	51	17
Ipswich Utd	22	5	6	11	29	32	16
Grange Thistle	22	3	6	13	11	37	12
Taringa R	22	4	3	15	25	55	11

XXXX RESERVES

Lions	22	14	3	5	43	16	31
North Star	22	14	3	5	41	19	31
Grange Thistle	22	11	7	4	34	24	29
Taringa R	22	11	3	8	39	26	25
Mt Gravatt	22	9	7	6	26	30	25
Easts	22	8	4	10	24	28	20
Redlands Utd	22	6	8	8	30	36	20
Ipswich Utd	22	6	8	8	27	34	20
Azzurri BC	22	7	5	10	25	31	19
Rochedale	22	6	5	11	25	35	17
Olympic Utd	22	4	6	12	19	35	14
Coalstars	22	5	3	14	19	38	13

XXXX THIRDS

Easts	22	17	1	4	50	15	35
Grange Thistle	22	15	5	2	48	13	35
Rochedale	22	13	5	4	49	23	31
Ipswich Utd	22	12	5	5	35	28	29
North Star	22	11	4	7	45	26	26
Coalstars	22	9	5	8	40	32	23
Taringa R	21	8	5	8	43	44	21
Olympic Utd	22	8	3	11	45	40	19
Redlands Utd	21	6	4	11	30	51	16
Lions	22	5	5	12	30	45	15
Azzurri BC	22	2	3	17	23	74	7
Mt Gravatt	22	1	3	18	19	66	5

XXXX COLTS

Lions	22	15	5	2	49	13	35
Grange Thistle	22	15	3	4	55	18	33
Rochedale	22	12	4	6	40	28	28
North Star	22	13	1	8	54	47	27
Azzurri BC	22	10	4	8	41	34	24
Ipswich Utd	22	8	7	7	32	32	23
Taringa R	22	6	8	8	28	32	20
Mt Gravatt	22	7	6	9	30	43	20
Easts	22	4	9	9	28	35	17
Redlands Utd	22	6	2	14	31	55	14
Olympic Utd	22	5	4	13	26	51	14
Coalstars	22	3	3	16	22	48	9

DIVISION TWO

Croatia	22	14	5	3	46	20	33
Wynnum	22	14	3	5	53	27	31
Acacia Ridge	22	13	5	4	44	21	31
Inala City	22	12	6	4	33	24	30
Pine Rivers	22	12	2	8	54	33	26
Juventus T	22	10	5	7	41	32	25
Mitchelton	22	9	2	11	36	40	20
Nerang	22	5	7	10	31	36	17
Newmarket	22	6	5	11	34	40	17
Bardon L	22	6	5	11	25	46	17
Goodna	22	4	5	13	21	45	13
Annerley	22	1	2	19	10	64	4

DIVISION TWO RESERVES

Acacia Ridge	22	15	5	2	45	16	35
Croatia	22	12	8	2	40	21	32
Inala City	22	14	2	6	44	22	30
Pine Rivers	22	12	5	5	54	32	29
Mitchelton	22	10	7	5	34	36	27
Bardon L	22	11	2	9	33	41	24
Goodna	22	9	4	9	24	25	22
Wynnum	22	7	5	10	31	23	19
Juventus T	22	6	7	9	28	35	19
Annerley	22	6	3	13	33	41	15
Newmarket	22	3	3	16	20	43	9
Nerang	22	—	3	19	9	60	3

DIVISION TWO THIRDS

Annerley	22	18	1	3	73	24	37
Inala City	22	14	4	4	60	18	32
Croatia	22	13	6	3	68	31	32
Wynnum	22	13	3	6	57	31	29
Acacia Ridge	22	11	3	8	53	26	25
Goodna	22	8	7	7	59	44	23
Newmarket	22	7	6	9	36	40	20
Pine Rivers	22	8	3	11	42	46	19
Juventus T	22	6	5	11	31	54	17
Mitchelton	22	5	5	12	35	60	15
Bardon L	22	4	3	15	30	74	11
Nerang	22	—	4	18	9	105	4

DIVISION THREE

The Gap	22	12	9	1	38	17	33
Capalaba	22	11	5	6	36	33	27
Kingsridge	22	10	6	6	45	30	26
St Albans	22	8	9	5	36	24	25
Oxley Utd	22	11	3	8	39	28	25
Beenleigh	22	10	3	9	33	28	23
University Q	22	9	5	8	28	27	23
Slacks Creek	22	8	5	9	28	31	21
Redcliffe C	22	8	5	9	29	34	21
South Utd	22	5	6	11	27	36	16
Darra Utd	22	5	2	15	22	44	12
Brighton	22	3	6	13	19	48	12

DIVISION THREE RESERVES

The Gap	22	17	3	2	57	8	37
St Albans	22	13	4	5	62	17	30
Darra Utd	22	13	4	5	46	27	30
University Q	22	13	2	7	54	26	28
Beenleigh	22	10	7	5	40	23	27
Oxley Utd	22	11	5	6	40	24	27
Souths Utd	22	8	6	8	38	35	22
Kingsridge	22	7	6	9	28	44	20
Redcliffe C	22	5	5	12	26	50	15
Slacks Ck	22	5	4	13	25	51	14
Capalaba	22	1	6	15	23	60	8
Brighton	22	2	2	18	18	92	6

DIVISION FOUR

Lutwyche Utd	22	19	3	—	86	23	41
Willowburn	22	15	3	4	69	19	33
Kenmore R	22	11	7	4	63	23	29
Albany Ck	22	11	6	5	43	29	28
S. Eagles	22	11	4	7	40	33	26
Samford R.	22	10	5	7	46	38	25
Bro. Makedonia	22	6	8	8	33	36	20
Virginia Utd	21	8	3	10	51	48	19
RAAF	22	5	5	12	36	50	15
Pine Hills	22	5	4	13	37	47	14
Ipswich City	21	4	1	16	24	78	9
Greenbank	22	1	1	20	10	114	3

DIVISION FOUR RESERVES

Kenmore R	21	19	1	1	93	14	39
Albany Ck	21	15	2	4	62	20	32
Willowburn	21	13	3	5	68	27	29
Lutwyche Utd	21	13	3	5	63	27	29
Samford R	21	11	3	7	38	28	25
S. Eagles	21	10	1	10	31	32	21
Pine Hills	21	7	2	12	35	46	16
Ipswich City	21	6	4	11	37	71	16
Virginia Utd	21	6	3	12	29	46	15
RAAF	21	4	4	13	27	58	12
Bro. Makedonia	21	2	2	17	23	107	6
Greenbank	11	1	—	10	7	37	2

DIVISION FIVE

Moggill Utd	22	18	2	2	86	27	38
Leichhardt E	22	16	1	5	59	25	33
Toowong	22	14	3	5	52	30	31
Logan City	22	12	3	7	71	43	27
Griffith Uni	22	11	4	7	50	44	26
Salisbury R	22	7	7	8	42	46	21
Westside	22	9	2	11	47	62	20
Nth Pine Utd	22	7	5	10	28	55	19
Yugal Ind	22	7	2	13	49	56	16
Western Subs	22	8	—	14	37	51	16
Bayside Utd	22	2	—	15	23	51	9
South Star	22	2	4	16	23	77	8

DIVISION SIX

The Gap	22	16	3	3	48	15	35
Salisbury R	22	13	5	4	63	29	31
University Q	22	13	3	6	62	30	29
Deception Bay	22	12	4	6	60	35	28
Caboolture	22	12	4	6	52	34	28
Newmarket	22	10	5	7	46	33	25
Wynnum	22	8	7	7	59	42	23
Capalaba	22	9	3	10	53	40	21
Souths Utd	22	8	1	13	40	44	17
Beenleigh	22	5	5	12	28	67	15
Annerley	22	3	3	16	28	87	9
Leichhardt E	22	1	1	20	22	105	3

DIVISION SEVEN

North Star	22	19	1	2	60	16	39
Kingsridge	22	16	1	5	62	26	33
Rochedale	22	12	4	6	48	23	28
Moggill Utd	22	12	4	6	49	42	28
Grange Thistle	22	11	3	8	50	34	25
Oxley Utd	22	11	3	8	37	45	25
Toowong	22	8	2	12	30	31	18
University Q	22	7	2	13	30	40	16
Slacks Ck	22	7	1	14	22	47	15
Logan City	22	6	2	14	38	51	14
Griffith Uni	22	6	2	14	27	60	14
Rodeld WB	22	3	3	16	26	64	9

Queensland's Pacific Parade . . .

After a six match representative program in 1987, Queensland came through undefeated.

The Maroons played two matches against Fiji and then competed in the Auckland Football Association's Centenary South Pacific Cup.

QUEENSLAND 3 v FIJI 1 (2-0)

Scorers: Qld — Mark Brusasco 2
Martin Kirsopp pen.
Scorers: Fiji — Ivor Evans.

QLD: Farrow, Kirsopp, Mengotti, Liddell, Niven (Gilbert), R. Stewart, J. Ogden (Druery), Cooper, J. Stewart, Morton, Brusasco.

QUEENSLAND 1 v FIJI 1 (0-1) — Match abandoned

Scorers: Qld — Martin Kirsopp pen.
Scorers: Fiji — Sam Work

QLD: Farrow, Kirsopp, Mengotti, Liddell, Niven, J. Stewart, R. Stewart, Morton, Brusasco, Druery, Bassingthwaighte.

QUEENSLAND 4 v TAHITI 0 (1-0)

Scorers: Qld — Alan Niven, Dave Wheeler 2, Mark Brusasco.

QLD: Farrow, Kirsopp, Mengotti, Liddell, Niven, Ogden (Bassingthwaighte), Wheeler, R. Stewart, Morton, Brusasco, Perry.

QUEENSLAND 0 v NEW CALEDONIA 0 (0-0)

QLD: Gallagher, Gilbert, Kirsopp, Liddell, Niven, Bassingthwaighte (Morton), Ogden, Wheeler, R. Stewart, Druery, Perry.

QUEENSLAND 1 v AUCKLAND 1 (0-1)

Scorers: Qld — Mark Brusasco
Scorers: Auckland — David Wittaveen

QLD: Farrow (Gallagher), Kirsopp, Mengotti, Liddell, Niven, Ogden (Druery), Wheeler (Gilbert), R. Stewart, Morton, Brusasco, Perry.

IPSWICH 2 v BRISBANE 3 (1-2)

Scorers: Ipswich — Dave Wheeler 2
Brisbane — Richard Bassingthwaighte, Brett Druery 2.

IPSWICH: Wishart, Caldwell, J. Dann, Warren, Lawrie, A. Ogden, McKeand, Penman, Wheeler, Barnard, Vogler, Brusasco. **Coach:** Gary Wilkins. **Manager:** John Roderick.

BRISBANE: Farrow, Marsh, Liddell, Mengotti, Niven, Kirsopp, Ogden, Bassingthwaighte, Druery, Cooper, Burgess (M. Mulvey). **Coach:** Mal Bland.

Manager: Ian Dalzell.

NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP:

(Play-off for fifth)

QUEENSLAND 1 v WEST. AUSTRALIA 0

Scorer: Qld — Craig Collins

QLD: Dominic Potter (Ipswich U.), Paul Laycock (Redlands), Mark Geritz (Maryborough), Michael Clarkson (Rochedale), Scott Playle (Easts), Damien Butler (Mt Gravatt), Shane Haddow (North Star), Steven Powell (Mt Isa), Craig Collins (Townsville), Chris Slater (Mackay), Scorr Reimers (Grange T.), Steven Kluss (Pine R.), John Figliano (Azzurri), Guy Rigby (Rockhampton), Steven Starr (Cairns), Andrew Hobbs (Maryborough). **Coach:** Tony Buesnel. **Manager:** Ian Dalzell.

Darrell Freiberg (Coalstars) was a member of the Australian Under 16 team which reached the quarter-finals of the Junior World Cup in Canada. Bruce Stowell was team co-coach.

QUEENSLAND RECORDS DOWN THE YEARS

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS
(Brusasco Cup)

1959 Annerley
1960 Hellenic
1961 Azzurri
1962 Merton
1963 Hellenic
1964 Merton
1965 Latrobe
1966 Latrobe
1967 Hollandia
1968 Merton
1969 Hollandia
1970 Azzurri
1971 Azzurri
1972 Merton East
1973 Brisbane City
1974 Brisbane City
1975 Brisbane City
1976 Brisbane City
1977 Redlands United
1978 Southside Eagles
1979 Grange Thistle
1980 Grange Thistle
1981 Mount Gravatt
1982 Ipswich United
1983 Olympic United
1984 Ipswich United
1985 Ipswich United
1986 Coalstars
1987 Brisbane Lions

AMPOL CUP WINNERS

1959 Oxley United
1960 Hellenic
1961 Hellenic
1962 Hellenic
1963 Hellenic
1964 Hellenic
1965 Coalstars
1966 Grange Thistle
1967 St Helens
1968 Hollandia
1969 Azzurri
1970 Hollandia
1971 Azzurri
1972 Merton East
1973 Lions
1974 Brisbane City
1975 St George Souths
1976 Brisbane City
1977 Spencer Park United
1978 Southside Eagles
1979 Ipswich United
1980 Townsville United
1981 Grange Thistle
1982 Townsville United
1983 Ipswich United
1984 North Star
1985 North Star
1986 Coalstars
1987 Coalstars

PREMIERSHIP WINNERS
(Bill Waddell Trophy)

1893 Rosebank
1894 Normans
1895 Bush Rats
1896 Rovers
1897 Rosebank
1898 Bush Banks
1899 Bush Rats
1900 Bush Rats
1901 Bush Rats
1902 Rangers
1903 Not held
1904 Blackstone Rs
1905 Wellington
1906 Wellington
1907 Not held
1908 Not held
1909 Wellington
1910 Bush Rats
1911 Bulimba Rs
1912 Blackstone Rs
1913 Not held
1914 Toowong Cals
1915 Corinthians
1916 Not held
1917 Not held
1918 Not held
1919 P'apple Rs
1920 Corinthians
1921 Bush Rats
1922 Bundamba Rs
1923 Thistle
1924 P'apple Rs
1925 P'apple Rs
1926 Blackstone Rs
1927 Bundamba Rs
1928 Not known
1929 Latrobe
1930 Latrobe
1931 Latrobe
1932 Latrobe
1933 Latrobe
1934 YMCA
1935 Latrobe
1936 YMCA
1937 Not known
1938 Bundamba Rs
1939 Not known
1940 Not known
1941 Blackstone Rs
1942 Not known
1943 Not known
1944 Not known
1945 Not known
1946 YMCA
1947 St Helens
1948 St Helens
1949 Corinthians
1950 Dinmore Bush Rats
1951 East Subs
1952 Corinthians
1953 Blackstone Rs
1954 Dinmore Bush Rats
1956 St Helens
1957 Bundamba Rs
1958 Oxley United
1959 Annerley
1960 Hellenic
1961 Hellenic
1962 Hellenic
1963 Hellenic
1964 Latrobe
1965 Hellenic
1966 Latrobe
1967 Latrobe
1968 Hollandia
1969 Hellenic
1970 Azzurri
1971 Azzurri
1972 Hellenic
1973 Lions
1974 Lions
1975 Lions
1976 Brisbane City
1977 St George Souths
1978 Southside Eagles
1979 Grange Thistle
1980 Mount Gravatt
1981 Mount Gravatt
1982 Townsville Utd
1983 Mount Gravatt
1984 Mount Gravatt
1985 Ipswich Utd
1986 North Star
1987 Brisbane Lions

Queensland's Frank Mengotti (right) is congratulated by Billy Williamson (No.15) with Bryan Robson in the background after scoring against NSW in the 1987 interstate clash.

1987 QSF HONOURS

COMPETITIONS	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
PREMIERSHIP		
XXXX League	Brisbane Lions	Azzurri Bris. City
XXXX League Res.	Brisbane Lions	North Star
XXXX Thirds	Eastern Suburbs	Grange Thistle
XXXX Colts	Brisbane Lions	Grange Thistle
Division 2	Croatia	Wynnum
Division 2 Res.	Acacia Ridge	Croatia
Division 2 Thirds	Annerley	Inala City
Division 3	The Gap	Capalaba
Division 3 Res.	The Gap	St Albans
Division 4	Lutwyche Utd	Willowburn
Division 4 Res.	Kenmore Rov.	Albany Ck
Division 5	Moggill Utd	Leichhardt E
Division 6	The Gap	Salisbury R
Division 7	North Star	Kingsridge
CHAMPIONS		
XXXX League	Brisbane Lions	Azzurri Bris. City
XXXX League Res.	Brisbane Lions	Grange Thistle
XXXX League Thirds	Eastern Suburbs	Grange Thistle
XXXX League Colts	Grange Thistle	Brisbane Lions
Division 2	Wynnum	Croatia
Division 2 Res.	Inala City	Acacia Ridge
Division 2 Thirds	Inala City	Annerley
Division 3	The Gap	Capalaba
Division 3 Res	The Gap	Univ. of Queensland
Division 4	Kenmore R	Willowburn
Division 4 Res.	Albany Ck	Kenmore R
Division 5	Moggill Utd	Leichhardt E
Division 6	The Gap	Deception Bay
Division 7	Kinsgridge Utd	North Star

Brisbane grand finals

Here is a full list of Brisbane grand finals and goal scorers since finals were introduced:-

1959 — Annerley 5 (M. Wild 4, G. McMillan)
Hellenic 4 (C. Kitching 2, B. Dvornicich, E. Pattison)
1960 — Hellenic 5 (C. Kitching 2, G. Kitching 2, B. Volger)
Azzurri 1 (G. Nunn)
1961 — Azzurri 2 A. Robertson, C. Sander)
Hellenic 0
1962 — Merton R. 2 (L. Petersen pen., K. Melville)
Hellenic 0
1963 — Hellenic 1 (G. McMillan)
Azzurri 0
1964 — Merton R. 1 (J. Anthony)
Latrobe 0
1965 — Latrobe 4 (R. Richards 2, R. Edmunds, S. Tucker)
Coalstars 1 (S Dedman)
1966 — Latrobe 2 (R. Buchanan, S. Tucker)
Hellenic 1 (A. Tsombaras)
1967 — Hollandia 2 (D. Mortimer, R. Richards)
Hellenic 2 (A. May 2)
Replay-Hollandia 5 (R. Richards 3, D. Mortimer, J. Van Klaveren)
Hellenic 0
1968 — Merton R. 1 (T. Catchpole)
Hollandia 1 (D. Mortimer)
Replay-Merton R. 4 (E. Pattison 2, L. Willett, T. Catchpole)
Hollandia 2 (R. Richards, J. Van Klaveren)
1969 — Hollandia 3 (H. Montgomery, D. Mortimer, A. Villers)
Azzurri 0

1970 — Azzurri 3 (W. Haigh, I. Johnston, G. Schoendorfer)
Merton E. 0
1971 — Azzurri 2 (G. Schoendorfer, C. Dench)
Merton E. 1 (B. Bohan)
1972 — Merton E. 1 (B. Bohan)
Hellenic 0
1973 — Bris. City 1 (P. Neilsen)
St George 1 (N. Rehbock)
Replay-Bris. City 3 (I. Davis 2, I. Johnston)
St George 1 N. Rehbock)
1974 — Bris. City 2 (I. Johnston; own goal)
Lions 0
1975 — Bris. City 3 (C. Natale 2, I. Johnston)
Lions 0
1976 — Bris. City 3 (K. Caldwell 2, A. Venables own goal)
Lions 1 (P. Laslo)
1977 — Redlands 5 (A. Morris, R. Millman, B. Kelso, T. Catchpole pen., C. Hill)
S'side Eagles 1 (K. Gordon)
1978 — S'side Eagles 3 (R. Millman, J. McCabe, A. Marszalek)
Mt Gravatt 0
1979 — G. Thistle 2 (I. Fagan pen., L. Pollock)
Mt Gravatt (After 0-0 draw) 1 (B. Lampitt)
1980 — G. Thistle 2 (G. Huntley, A. Marley)
Mt Gravatt 0
1981 — Mt Gravatt 3 (B. Bohan, G. Bohan, C. Dickson)
Easts 1 (B. Rehbock)

1982 — Ipswich U. 2 (R. McKeand, M. Brusasco)
Lions 0
1983 — Olympic Utd 3 (T. McGregor, P. Lasio, A. Ogden)
Lions 2 (J. McDonagh 2)
1984 — Ipswich Utd 2 (R. Millman, P. Volger)
Mt Gravatt 0
1985 — Ipswich Utd 1 (R. Beckwith)
Lions 0
1986 — Coalstars 2 (D. Wheeler, A. Ogden)
North Star 1 (R. Swan)
1987 — Bris. Lions 2 (J. Ogden, D. Wheeler)
Azzurri Bris. City 1 (J. Morton)

The records of clubs which have competed in grand finals, ranked in order of number of appearances (and including replays), are:

Azzurri/Bris. City	12	7	2	4	21	15
Hollandia/Lions	12	3	2	7	20	22
Hellenic/St George	11	2	2	7	15	24
Merton/Easts	8	4	1	3	11	11
Mount Gravatt	6	1	1	4	4	10
Ipswich United	3	3	-	-	5	0
Grange Thistle	3	2	1	-	4	1
Latrobe	3	2	-	1	6	3
Southside Eagles	2	1	-	1	4	5
Annerley	1	1	-	-	5	1
Redlands	1	1	-	-	5	1
Olympic United	1	1	-	-	3	2
Coalstars	2	1	-	1	3	5
North Star	1	-	-	1	1	2

NORTHERN NSW

Tooheys State 1st Div

FIRST GRADE

Adamstown Rose	18	12	5	1	42	15	41
Belmont-Swan Utd	18	11	4	3	34	17	37
Austral United	18	9	4	5	28	19	31
Highfields Azzurri	18	9	3	6	27	20	30
West Wallsend	18	10	0	8	26	21	30
Weston Wks Bears	18	8	1	9	26	28	25
Lake Macquarie C	18	6	4	8	29	28	22
Wallsend	18	6	2	10	18	35	20
Cardiff	18	3	5	10	20	39	14
Central Coast A	18	1	2	15	16	44	5

Grand final winner: Austral United

RESERVE GRADE

West Wallsend	18	12	4	2	50	18	40
Austral United	18	12	0	6	41	20	36
Weston Wks Bears	18	10	4	4	39	23	34
Adamstown Rose	18	10	3	5	46	29	33
Cardiff	18	9	3	6	36	23	30
Belmont-Swan Utd	18	7	4	7	23	24	25
Highfields Azzurri	18	7	2	9	23	27	23
Wallsend	18	5	4	9	19	33	19
Lake Macquarie C	18	3	3	12	17	50	12
Central Coast A	18	1	1	16	12	59	4

Grand final winner: West Wallsend

UNDER 18

Belmont-Swan Utd	18	14	0	4	39	9	42
Highfields Azzurri	18	13	2	3	38	10	41
West Wallsend	18	10	6	2	28	7	36
Adamstown Rose	18	9	6	3	33	20	33
Austral United	17	7	5	5	17	14	26
Cardiff	18	5	6	7	18	24	21
Weston Wks Bears	18	5	3	10	18	22	18
Lake Macquarie C	18	5	3	10	16	31	18
Wallsend	18	2	5	11	11	46	11
Central Coast A	17	1	0	16	14	49	3

Grand final winner: Belmont-Swansea United

Second Division

FIRST GRADE

Stockton	18	12	4	2	39	18	40
Belmont	18	12	2	4	44	23	38
Toronto-A Utd	18	9	6	3	37	22	33
Cessnock City	18	5	8	5	34	25	23
Edgeworth	18	7	2	9	21	34	23
Port Macquarie	18	6	4	8	32	36	22
Newcastle Mace	18	5	5	8	22	28	20
Westlakes United	18	4	7	7	22	32	19
Maitland Magpies	18	3	6	9	15	30	15
Mayfield United	18	2	6	10	20	38	12

Grand final winner: Belmont

RESERVE GRADE

Belmont	18	12	4	2	42	19	40
Westlakes United	18	9	6	3	24	14	33
Cessnock City	18	8	6	4	39	20	30
Edgeworth	18	7	5	6	31	30	26
Stockton	18	7	5	6	25	25	26
Toronto-A Utd	18	6	5	7	26	28	23
Newcastle Mace	18	7	2	9	26	28	23
Mayfield Utd	18	5	5	8	24	30	20
Maitland Magpies	18	5	5	8	13	19	20
Port Macquarie	18	1	3	14	20	57	6

Grand final winner: Cessnock City

UNDER 18

Belmont	18	11	4	3	28	8	37
Port Macquarie	18	12	1	5	37	20	37
Cessnock City	18	10	3	5	39	18	33
Toronto-A Utd	18	10	3	5	31	15	33
Stockton	18	9	2	7	32	27	29
Edgeworth	18	6	5	7	33	28	23
Westlakes Utd	18	5	7	6	23	17	22
Newcastle Mace	18	6	2	10	24	34	20
Maitland Magpies	18	4	6	8	17	24	18
Mayfield Utd	18	0	1	17	3	76	1

Grand final winner: Port Macquarie

Third Division

FIRST GRADE

Beresfield Utd	18	9	6	3	45	23	33
Cooks Hill Utd	18	10	3	5	36	25	33
Lambton Jaffas	18	9	4	5	41	16	31
Dudley Redhead U	17	10	1	6	29	21	31
Nelson Bay	17	9	2	6	32	21	29
Raymond Terrace	18	8	5	5	31	22	29
Tomago Eagles	18	8	5	5	37	33	29
Merewether Adv	18	6	4	8	27	38	22
South Wallsend	17	3	0	14	13	58	9
Maitland Utd	17	1	0	16	16	50	3

Grand final winner: Lambton Jaffas

RESERVE GRADE

Merewether Adv	18	13	2	3	33	15	41
Dudley-Redhead U	17	12	3	2	45	19	39
Beresfield Utd	18	9	5	4	29	16	32
Raymond Terrace	18	10	2	6	28	28	32
Lambton Jaffas	18	7	6	5	31	18	27
Maitland Utd	17	7	1	9	19	25	22
Nelson Bay	17	6	1	10	32	28	19
South Wallsend	17	6	0	11	19	36	18
Cooks Hill Utd	18	4	1	13	15	33	13
Tomago Eagles	18	3	1	14	19	52	10

Grand final winner: Beresfield United

Fourth Division

FIRST GRADE

Newcastle Croatia	18	15	1	2	59	11	46
South Cardiff	18	12	3	3	37	25	39
Muswellbrook	18	9	2	7	41	32	29
Kearsley Utd	18	8	3	7	30	27	27
Charlestown Utd	18	7	4	7	31	29	25
Cardiff Railway	18	7	3	8	27	28	24
Newcastle Oly	18	6	5	7	31	40	23
Univ of Newcastle	18	6	4	8	23	27	22
Thornton Park	18	4	4	10	24	37	16
New Lambton	18	1	1	16	19	66	4

Grand final winner: Newcastle Croatia

RESERVE GRADE

Charlestown Utd	18	12	4	2	38	9	40
Newcastle Oly	18	10	3	5	55	19	33
Thornton Park	18	9	5	4	35	21	32
Univ of Newcastle	18	10	2	6	29	23	32
Kersley Utd	18	8	7	3	35	14	31
South Cardiff	18	8	7	3	36	19	31
Muswellbrook	18	7	3	8	29	33	24
Cardiff Railway	18	4	4	10	14	38	16
Newcastle Croatia	18	2	3	13	12	52	9
New Lambton	18	1	0	17	8	63	3

Grand final winner: Charlestown United

TOP SCORERS
First Division

16: Sean Ingham (Adamstown)
12: Ian Johns (Belmont-Swans); Robert Holdenn (Austral)
9: Peter Winsor (Belmont-Swans)
8: Brett Porter (West Wallsend); David Bock (Adamstown)
7: John McQuarrie (Adamstown); Paul Corbett (Central Coast); Kerry Wells (Highfields)
6: Scott Piggott (Lake Macquarie)

Second Division

15: Darren Stewart (Toronto-Awaba)
14: Bruce Dowling (Port Macquarie); Anthony Butler (Cessnock)
10: Mark Vallone (Belmont)
9: Scott Withers (Newcastle Mac); Douglas Elphick (Stockton)
8: Colin Purcell (Port Macquarie); David Burns (Belmont); Brett McDonald (Mayfield)
7: Michael Hughes (Cessnock); Paul Hutchison (Belmont)

Third Division

17: Mark Johnson (Raymond Terr)
10: Glenn Milton (Cooks Hill); Stephen Geddes (Beresfield Utd); Scott Haynes (Lambton Jaffas)

Fourth Division

13: Andrew Janissen (South Cardiff)
11: Alan Williamson (Newcastle Croatia); John Kane (Muswellbrook)

Fifth Division

FIRST GRADE

Kurri Kurri	18	13	3	2	42	10	42
Kotara South	18	11	6	1	36	17	39
Lambton Rangers	18	10	2	6	32	21	32
Newcastle Tech C	18	9	3	6	36	18	30
Marks Point	18	7	5	6	25	19	26
Jesmond Rams	18	7	4	7	22	27	25
Dora Ck Wks B	18	7	2	9	37	36	23
Tubemakers	18	5	4	9	22	43	19
Garden Suburb	18	2	3	13	16	44	9
Ch'town H'spurs	18	2	2	14	13	46	8

Grand final winner: Kurri Kurri

RESERVE GRADE

Newcastle Tech C	18	10	6	2	39	17	36
Kurri Kurri	18	10	5	3	57	18	35
Marks Point	18	10	5	3	38	18	35
Kotara South	18	9	6	3	35	13	33
Lambton Rangers	18	8	5	5	35	24	29
Jesmond Rams	18	9	1	8	31	23	28
Tubemakers	18	8	2	8	33	38	26
Garden Suburb	18	4	2	12	22	49	14
Dora Ck Wks B	18	3	4	11	20	45	13
Ch'town H'spurs	18	0	2	16	11	76	2

Grand final winner: Newcastle Tech College

Fifth Division

12: Ronald Rahmon (Dora Creek)
11: Peter Davis (Kotara S); Robert Beveridge (Kurri Kurri)
10: Mark Rodway (Newcastle Tech)

Qualifying League

FIRST GRADE

Rutherford	16	10	3	3	38	18	33
Kahibah	15	8	3	4	41	20	27
Cliff Utd No.1	15	6	5	4	37	16	23
Newcastle Ml	16	6	4	6	31	35	22
Medowie Juniors	16	6	4	6	25	29	22
Edgeworth	13	5	1	7	14	32	16
N.C.A.E.	14	1	2	11	12	43	5

Grand final winner: Kahibah

RESERVE GRADE

Cliff Utd No.1	15	12	3	0	53	9	39
Kahibah	15	8	5	2	31	13	29
Rutherford	17	7	4	6	26	27	25
N.C.A.E.	14	6	2	6	25	28	20
Edgeworth	14	4	4	6	18	27	16
Medowie Juniors	17	3	3	11	18	40	12
Newcastle Ml	16	2	3	11	25	52	9

Grand final winner: Kahibah

AUSTRAL STEALS THUNDER

Austral United gained an exciting 3-2 victory over premiers Adamstown Rosebud in a thrilling grand final before 5000 fans at Macquarie Field, Speers Point.

The club takes over as Newcastle in the NSW State Bank League this year, and over time could have the stability to bring the Hunter Region back into major Australian football.

In the grand final the Rosebuds frittered away a 2-0 lead after coach Willie Gallagher had recharged his players' batteries at the break.

Adamstown missed the driving force of their captain John McQuarrie, who had yellow card fever.

Second Division premier Stockton, like Adamstown in the top league, was ousted in the grand final when Cessnock City came out 1-0 winners.

A tremendously successful Presentation Night was held at the highly popular Belmont 16 Footers Club.

The Club Championship Trophy was handed to Adamstown coach Neville Power, who was voted Coach of the Year.

The Best and Fairest Player Award went to Renato Martinelli of Highfields Azzurri, from three strong contenders — Robert Holden and Howard Tredinnick of Austral United, and Scott Piggott of Lake Macquarie City.

Robert Dillon of the Newcastle Herald was the Media Personality of the year, with Media awards to 2HD, 2KO, ABC News, Newcastle Morning Herald and local television station NBN3.

Dennis King of Weston Workers received the Speedsoccer Award.

PREMIERSHIP WINNERS

1970 Adamstown
1971 Weston
1972 Weston
1973 Weston
1974 New Lambton South
1975 Adamstown
1976 Adamstown
1977 Weston
1978 Edgeworth
1979 Edgeworth
1980 Weston
1981 Highfields Azzurri
1982 Lake Macquarie
1983 Central Coast Assoc.
1984 Cardiff
1985 Belmont-Swansea
1986 West Wallsend
1987 Adamstown Rosebud

GRAND FINAL WINNERS

1970 Belmont-Swansea
1971 Weston
1972 Weston
1973 Weston
1974 Weston
1975 Adamstown
1976 Adamstown
1977 Weston
1978 Edgeworth
1979 Azzurri
1980 Stewart & Lloyds
1981 Highfields Azzurri
1982 Weston
1983 Weston
1984 Weston
1985 West Wallsend
1986 Belmont Swansea
1987 Austral United

Suburban League

SECTION A

Dudley-Red (SL)	15	11	2	2	46	22	35
Cooks Hill Utd (SL)	16	11	1	4	56	24	34
Sth Wallsend (SL)	16	10	3	3	47	21	33
M'wether R No.1	16	9	4	3	38	25	31
Westlakes Utd (SL)	16	8	1	7	25	26	25
Hamilton Acad	16	6	4	6	46	44	22
University (SL)	15	3	1	11	32	54	10
Toronto (SL)	14	1	1	12	16	50	4
M'wether R No.2	14	1	1	12	16	56	4

Grand final winner: Dudley-Redhead

Coca Cola JSL

UNDER 13

Highfields Azz	18	15	2	1	48	6	47
Weston Wks Bears	18	14	0	4	44	10	42
Lake Macquarie C	18	11	2	5	27	13	35
Cardiff	18	10	2	6	25	13	32
Maitland Magpies	18	10	0	8	35	36	30
Central Coast A	18	9	1	8	29	30	28
West Wallsend	18	7	3	8	22	24	24
Austral Utd	18	6	2	10	26	28	20
Belmont Swan Utd	18	1	0	17	3	51	3
Adamstown R'bud	18	1	0	17	3	51	3

Grand final winner: Weston Workers Bears

UNDER 14

Highfields Azz	18	16	0	2	55	7	48
West Wallsend	18	15	1	2	54	7	46
Austral Utd	17	13	2	2	47	13	41
Weston Wks Bears	17	13	0	4	37	14	39
Adamstown R'bud	18	7	2	9	25	26	23
Maitland Magpies	18	6	4	8	22	23	22
Lake Macquarie C	18	4	3	11	18	27	15
Central Coast A	18	4	3	11	19	35	15
Cardiff	18	3	1	14	13	84	10
Belmont-Swan Utd	18	0	0	18	0	54	0

Grand final winner: Highfields Azzurri

UNDER 16

Adamstown R'bud	18	13	5	0	44	7	44
Austral Utd	17	10	4	3	34	21	34
Weston Wks Bears	17	8	6	3	26	16	30
Lake Macquarie C	18	7	5	6	22	30	26
Highfields Azzurri	18	6	7	5	16	15	25
Central Coast A	18	6	6	6	19	21	24
West Wallsend	18	4	6	6	17	27	18
Cardiff	18	3	7	8	16	18	16
Maitland Magpies	18	4	2	12	9	28	14
Belmont-Swan Utd	18	2	4	12	8	28	10

Grand final winner: Adamstown Rosebud

Qualif. League

10: Gerard Nesbitt (Cliff); Peter Hamilton (Cliff)

Darren Hemming, captain of Belmont-Swansea Under 18 Soccer team, receives the 1987 Grand Final winners trophy from Northern NSW Director Bill Walker.

Belmont-Swansea scraped home by three penalties to two after a nil-all scoreline against Highfields. The match was played at Macquarie Field, Speers Point.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

STATE MUST TAP INTO THAT $10 MILL BONANZA

BY DAVID ANDREWS

The 1987 season started off with expectations high for a brand new world that would lift Soccer towards the top of the sporting tree.

It ended in anarchy with the code leaderless and flying off in many directions — none of them positive.

The WA Government presented an innovative blueprint for the code that was revolutionary but exciting.

From the Task Force report came an offer of $5 million with a further $5 million coming from the corporate sector.

A major Soccer centre was to be built that would have been a showpiece arena in Australia.

It required the sacrifice that the executive of the State body stand down for an independent body of top quality administrators from the business world.

Instead egos and narrow minded interests took over and the plan was gradually strangled.

Azzurri v Macedonia. Keith Blunt (left) prepares to tackle Craig Naven.

So far - but for how long - the money is still there in the government's financial considerations, but the Minister for Sport has refused to even talk to the WA Federation till they get their act together.

Initially there was some heavy support for the move to change the administration, and at one stage it seemed only a matter of time before Soccer in this state took off.

There was not enough planning and lobbying where it counted, and the resolve of those clubs, who obviously wanted change, was weak-kneed and easily reversed.

In years to come the 1987 executive will have a lot to answer for.

The Task Force fuss at least concentrated everyone's attentions on the problems afflicting Soccer in WA.

One of the victims of the mess was Ron Tindall, the state Director of Coaching, whose position was seriously questioned by members of the executive without the knowledge to understand the reason for his position and what he really did.

Tindall was left in a spot in which he had no option but to resign, his position being taken over by John Ward.

Falling crowds, high player payments, lower standards of play and apathetic administrations at State and club level need close attention.

A move has taken place to make a Super League of eight, reducing the top competition from 12 clubs.

The major Italian clubs, Perth Azzurri, East Fremantle Tricolore and Balcatta Etna have combined to form one major club to be called Perth Italia.

A number of clubs recruited heavily for 1988, expecially Italia and Macedonia.

Macedonia is determined not to be left out in the cold by the amalgamation of the Italian clubs. They are keen to add yet another premiership title to the one they won last year.

Hundreds of thousands will be spent by just these two clubs, and yet there is no substantial sponsor for the competition.

Certainly Swan Brewery will be there as they were this year.

But the end result could be as little as $15,000 for the winner.

The failure to make the National League has upset some, though I consider that in the present circumstances a WA team is better out of it.

There is talk of 1989 as the year for a WA side.

Jeans West

The powerful, tall John Hunter of Stirling Macedonia won the Jeans West $1000 goalscorers award with a total of 19 goals for the season.

He won by three goals from Ian Ballentyne of Perth Azzurri and Mike Smith of Spearwood Dalmatinac.

With one round to go four players, Hunter, Ballentyne, Smith and Paul Middleton were in the running.

In the end neither Smith or Middleton were able to add to their tally while Ballantyne could manage only one in Perth Azzurri's 3-2 loss to Galeb.

Hunter scored a hat-trick for the first team this season at the right time, and it could not have gone to a more deserving tryer in the league.

FRANK COLE (right) strides it out.

COLE IS KING!

Little winger Frank Cole is the king of the castle in WA.

It was his name that ended up on the Rothmans Gold medal for the fairest and best player of 1987 when the final votes were announced at a Rothmans dinner at the prestigious Sheraton Golden Ballroom.

One of Gosnells three visas players, Cole was an early season favourite only to drop out of contention after a brilliant first six rounds.

In those matches he picked up the maximum three points in five games, a rating not only of the match referees but of other observers in other individual competitions.

Suddenly the back-slapping reports dried up as the pressure to maintain the run increased.

More often he was called to make his devastating runs down the right and then finish it off.

The lack of a truly penetrating striker was a hurdle Gosnells failed to overcome.

Consequently Cole was seen less and less.

However, he emerged towards the end of the season to add to his tally which increased by a further 10 points, six of those in the closing moments of the season.

His final tally of 25 points gave him a comfortable margin of five points over his nearest rivals, team-mate Paul Benning and former Australian international Gary Marocchi of Perth Azzurri.

And Athena's D'Orsogna Cup

STIRLING STEALS SHOW!

With two rounds remaining Stirling Macedonia were celebrating a win in the 1987 WA Emu Export State League.

In a League that had the incentive of three points for a win, the club ended up fully nine points clear of nearest rival Perth Azzurri.

Following came Floreat Athena and Kingsway Olympic.

But the pride of the force was surely Athena, who toppled Stirling Macedonia to win the D'Orsogna Cup final 3-2.

This was certainly the sparkling game of the year and left the clubs' fans with a real taste for Soccer this year.

Athena have few baubles to show for their years in the game, though they had won the major titles once and the top four cup twice.

The D'Orsogna Cup was the one title they had never won, and in fact had only made the final twice in the past 27 years.

For much of the match they didn't look in danger of losing the game leading 2-0 with goals from Mike Nicolakis in the seventh minute and Paul Wormley 18 seconds into the second half.

But Macedonia have a habit of coming back from the dead, and they did it again with a 20 minute burst from the 65th minute mark.

Two substitutions by coach Ray Ilott bringing on Eddie Sinclair and Neil Henson did the trick, creating width to an attack that had looked pedestrian and narrow.

First Henson laid on a cross to John Hunter who flicked a little through-ball to Derek Combe who slipped the ball past goalkeeper Chris Barbas.

Then three minutes later Henson headed a high floating ball over Barbas and just under hte bar to make the score level.

Then Athena somehow found the strength on a very warm afternoon to find the winner.

A smart little angled through ball from Wormley found Harry Katsamakis unmarked in the left hand edge of the penalty.

On his unfamiliar right foot he drilled the ball into the narrow gap between Zabica and the far post to find the net.

Injury time failed to bring a reply from Macedonia, though they came close through Henson.

With no-one from the more than 3,000 crowd having left, the field became a sea of waving blue and white when the final whistle sounded.

Rothmans Medal Point Scores

	Pts
Francis Cole (Gosnells City)	25
Paul Benning (Gosnells City)	20
Gary Marocchi (Perth Azzurri)	20
Norrie Sutton (Inglewood Kiev)	19
John Hunter (Stirling Macedonia)	19
Paul Donnelly (Perth Azzurri)	18
Tom Kilkelly (Kingsway Olympic)	17
Stephen Huxtable (East Fremantle Tricolore)	16
Jeff Curran (Floreat Athena)	14
Roy Jones (Kingsway Olympic)	13
Ross McGinn (Stirling Macedonia)	13
Charles McLaughlin (Bayswater Inter)	12
Peter Connell (Bayswater Inter)	12
Paul Farmer (Floreat Athena)	11
Paul Richardson (Cockburn United)	11
Hugh Davidson (Cockburn United)	11
Brian Sweeney (Osborne Park Galeb)	11
Ken Lowe (Spearwood Dalmatinac)	11
David Walker (Floreat Athena)	10
Jim Davies (Inglewood Kiev)	10
Tom Burke (Balga)	10
John Saunders (Balga)	9
Michael Roki (Osborne Park Galeb)	9
Matt Pearson (Spearwood Dalmatinac)	9
P. Wormley (Floreat Athena)	8
M. Guilfoyle (Kingsway Olympic)	8
A. Wright (Kingsway Olympic)	8
N. Dyer (East Fremantle Tricolore)	8
R. Davis (East Fremantle Tricolore)	8
R. Greer (Spearwood Dalmatinac)	8
P. Murphy (Perth Azzurri)	8
S. Martin (Bayswater Inter)	8
S. Hazeboerk (Floreat Athena)	7
A. Godfrey (Inglewood Kiev)	7
S. McCaffrey (Inglewood Kiev)	7
B. Callaghan (Balga)	7
F. Clarke (Stirling Macedonia)	7
H. Fransz (Spearwood Dalmatinac)	7
K. Elliott (Perth Azzurri)	7
T. Byrne (Bayswater Inter)	7
M. Elliott (Kingsway Olympic)	6
N. Bradley (Cockburn United)	6
D. Lee (Balga)	6
B. Neylon (Balga)	6
C. McDarby (Stirling Macedonia)	6
V. Filippou (Stirling Macedonia)	6
S. Nicholl (Osborne Park Galeb)	6
M. Sharp (Osborne Park Galeb)	6
D. Kamasz (Spearwood Dalmatinac)	6
D. Evans (Spearwood Dalmatinac)	6
F. Vesich (Spearwood Dalmatinac)	6

W.A. HONORS

State League Top Goalscorers

J. Hunter	19
M. Smith	16
P. Middleton	15
F. Malone	14
F. Bate	14
I. Ballantyne	14

Rothmans Fairest & Best

F. Cole	25
P. Benning	20
G. Marocchi	20
N. Sutton	19
J. Hunter	19

State League U/17s Top Goalscorers

M. Dellapenna	12
A. Zelich	12
D. Goldsworthy	12
T. Tzoganos	10
D. Sbrocco	9
D. D'Orazio	9
V. Allen	9

Fairest & Best

A. Lavender	21
D. Potter	15
B. Keegan	14
M. Garbin	14
E. Moala	13
J. Damianopoulos	13
R. Jose	13

Second Division Top Goalscorers

P. Dellar	17
N. Blunt	14
C. Lester	13
D. Sirovica	12
W. Herd	12
G. Liney	11

Fairest & Best

P. McKenna	24
P. Dellar	18
V. Straffella	16
D. McPherson	15
S. Wilson	14
T. Gladding	14
P. Bouwman	13

Third Division Top Goalscorers

D. Bruce	31
B. Callander	22
P. Radley	11
M. Stahl	10
J. Rossi	10

Fairest & Best

S. Sibson	28
D. Bruce	24
P. Marley	19
D. Oxley	15
A. Byrne	13
A. Hind	13
R. Marcus	13

Fourth Division Top Goalscorers

J. Wells	14
A. Hawkes	14
J. Bell	12
D. Harley	10
S. Serra	9
S. Rogers	9
K. Whittles	9

Fairest & Best

J. Wells	19
K. Whittles	17
M. Stray	14
M. Kerford	14
K. Whittles	13
J. Cicchini	13

D'Orsogna Cup Results Continued . . .

1966	Tricolore	Cracovia	4-1
1967	Cravocia	Tricolore	5-3
1968	Tricolore	Cracovia	6-0
1969	Azzurri	Tricolore	2-1
1970	Azzurri	Cracovia	2-2
1971	Azzurri	Olympic	3-1
1972	Tricolore	Kwinana	4-3
1973	Azzurri	Cracovia	3-0
1974	Windmills	Tricolore	2-1
1975	Windmills	Kwinana	3-1
1976	Tricolore	Dalmatinac	2-1
1977	Kiev	Dalmatinac	5-1
1978	E.F. Tricolore	Rockingham Utd	2-0
1979	E.F. Tricolore	Spearwood Dal.	4-1
1980	West Perth Mace	Perth Azzurri	6-1
1981	Perth Azzurri	Inglewood Kiev	1-0
1982	Gosnells City	Tricolore	2-1
1983	Dalmatinac	Tricolore	4-1
1984	Spearwood Dal	Kingsway Oly	1-0
1985	West Perth Macedonia	Perth Azzurri	3-1
1986	Kelmscott	Kingsway Oly	2-1
1987	Floreat Athena	Stirling Macedonia	3-2

WESTRALIAN 1987 TABLES

State League

Stirling Macedonia	22	17	1	4	57	29	52
Perth Azzurri	22	13	3	6	46	29	42
Floreat Athena	22	11	7	4	54	29	40
Kingsway Olympic	22	12	3	7	33	20	39
Spearwood Dal	22	10	5	7	47	35	35
Bayswater Inter	22	10	3	9	39	40	33
East. Frem. Tricolore	22	9	3	10	30	33	30
Gosnells City	22	7	8	7	25	26	29
Inglewood Kiev	22	5	5	12	23	35	20
Cockburn United	22	6	2	14	23	56	20
Balga	22	5	4	13	33	45	19
Osborne Park Galeb	22	4	2	16	23	55	14

State League Reserves

Balga	22	15	3	4	50	26	48
Floreat Athena	22	14	3	5	44	22	45
Gosnells City	22	14	2	6	49	25	44
Stirling Macedonia	22	10	4	8	38	29	34
Kingsway Olympic	22	8	7	7	40	35	31
East. Frem. Tricolore	22	8	6	8	39	33	30
Spearwood Dal	22	9	3	10	35	32	30
Bayswater Inter	22	7	4	11	35	39	25
Cockburn United	22	5	9	8	25	34	24
Inglewood Kiev	22	6	6	10	26	46	24
Perth Azzurri	22	4	8	10	16	31	20
Osborne Park Galeb	22	1	7	14	21	67	10

State League U/17's

Perth Azzurri	22	16	2	4	38	10	50
Floreat Athena	22	15	4	3	53	27	49
Bayswater Inter	22	14	2	6	53	25	44
East. Frem. Tricolore	22	12	7	3	53	22	43
Gosnells City	22	12	5	5	35	16	41
Kingsway Olympic	22	8	4	10	29	27	28
Spearwood Dal	22	8	4	10	31	33	28
Balga	22	6	7	9	32	42	25
Stirling Macedonia	22	5	7	10	22	39	22
Osborne Park Galeb	22	6	3	13	30	46	21
Inglewood Kiev	22	3	4	15	16	55	13
Cockburn United	22	1	4	17	16	63	7

Second Division

Sorrento	22	14	6	2	56	25	48
North Perth Croatia	22	14	5	3	58	27	47
Fremantle Benfica	22	14	4	3	49	24	46
Balcatta Etna	22	13	5	4	42	21	44
Bassendean Cal	22	10	6	6	35	27	36
Melville Alemannia	22	6	9	7	41	44	27
Kwinana United	22	7	5	10	31	28	26
East Perth Vardar	22	7	3	12	34	53	24
Forrestfield United	22	6	4	12	35	50	22
Kelmscott	22	6	4	12	33	56	22
Subiaco City	22	5	5	12	26	41	20
Swan Athletic	22	1	2	19	13	57	5

Second Division Reserves

Sorrento	22	15	3	4	56	28	48
North Perth Croatia	22	14	6	2	48	23	48
Bassendean Cal	22	10	6	6	60	48	36
Balcatta Etna	22	9	8	5	43	34	35
Kelmscott	22	9	8	5	38	35	35
Fremantle Benfica	22	10	2	10	39	44	32
Forrestfield United	22	8	6	8	43	39	30
Subiaco City	22	8	4	10	43	32	28
Kwinana United	22	6	5	11	35	40	23
Swan Athletic	22	4	7	11	27	57	19
East Perth Vardar	22	4	5	13	24	46	17
Melville Alemannia	22	4	3	15	30	55	15

Third Division

Ferndale United	22	16	4	1	52	20	52
Morley Windmills	22	15	5	2	52	17	50
Wanneroo City	22	11	7	4	34	20	40
Armadale Park	22	11	5	6	44	25	38
University	22	9	5	8	39	32	32
Rockingham United	22	8	3	11	29	35	27
Swan Cracovia	22	7	5	10	34	41	26
Queens Park	22	7	3	11	25	35	24
Perth City	22	7	2	13	26	40	23
Dianella Serbia	22	6	4	12	26	37	22
Booragoon Zavicaj	22	5	4	13	21	46	19
Western Yugal	22	4	5	13	24	57	17

Third Division Reserves

Ferndale United	22	16	5	1	77	14	53
Armadale Park	22	16	4	2	83	19	52
Perth City	22	15	4	3	57	28	49
Swan Cracovia	22	11	6	5	49	35	39
Dianella Serbia	22	11	3	8	44	46	36
Morley Windmills	22	10	2	10	45	38	32
Rockingham United	22	10	2	10	44	52	32
University	22	9	3	10	35	51	30
Wanneroo	22	5	7	10	33	43	22
Queens Park	22	5	2	15	31	57	17
Western Yugal	22	5	4	15	35	69	15
Booragoon Zavicaj	22		1	21	20	104	1

Fourth Division

Hampton Phoenix	21	14	3	4	44	26	45
Albany	21	10	5	6	38	25	35
Leederville Espanol	21	10	5	6	43	40	35
Swan I.C. United	21	11	2	8	30	28	35
Ashfield Dynamo	21	6	7	8	43	36	25
Kalamunda	21	8		13	45	61	23
Bunbury City	21	5	6	10	25	40	21
Canning Corinthians	21	2	8	11	31	43	14

Fourth Division Reserves

Hampton Phoenix	18	14	3	1	62	11	45
Canning Corinthians	18	10	6	2	61	28	36
Swan I.C. United	18	8	2	8	46	45	26
Kalamunda	18	8	2	9	44	43	26
Leederville Espanol	18	7	1	10	35	50	22
Ashfield Dynamo	18	4	5	9	34	43	17
Bunbury City	18	2		16	10	75	6

W.A. RECORDS

State League
(with points totals)

1960	Azzurri	22
1961	Windmills	26
1962	Azzurri	33
1963	Tricolore	28
1964	Tricolore	34
1965	Tricolore	31
1966	Cracovia	30
1967	Azzurri	33
1968	Azzurri	30
1969	Azzurri	27
1970	Tricolore	31
1971	Azzurri	39
1972	Tricolore	35
1973	Windmills	24
1974	Ascot	29
1975	Azzurri	28
1976	Azzurri	30
1977	Athena	25
1978	Kingsway Olympic	27
1979	Spearwood Dalmatinac	28
1980	Kingsway Olympic	26
1981	Perth Azzurri	34
1982	Spearwood Dalmatinac	66
1983	West Perth Macedonia	59
1984	West Perth Macedonia	47
1985	West Perth Macedonia	52
1986	Spearwood Dalmatinac	59
1987	Stirling Macedonia	52

Top Four Cup State League

1961	Tricolore
1962	Windmills
1963	Azzurri
1964	North Perth
1965	Swan Valley
1966	Azzurri
1967	Azzurri
1968	Kiev
1969	Tricolore
1970	Tricolore
1971	Bayswater
1972	Azzurri
1973	No Competition
1974	Azzurri
1975	Athena
1976	Azzurri
1977	Kiev
1978	Kingsway Olympic
1979	Kingsway Olympic
1980	Kingsway Olympic
1981	Forrestfield United
1982	Dalmatinac
1983	West Perth Macedonia
1984	Floreat Athena
1985	No Competition
1986	Stirling Macedonia
1987	No Competition

Ampol Cup

1961	Swan Athletic
1962	Azzurri
1963	Tricolore
1964	North Perth
1965	North Perth
1966	Tricolore
1967	Cracovia
1968	Azzurri
1969	Windmills
1970	Azzurri
1971	Azzurri
1972	Bayswater
1973	Azzurri
1974	Ascot
1975	Azzurri
1976	Windmills
1977	Athena
1978	Ascot

Solahart Cup Night Series

1979	Spearwood Dalmatinac
1980	Kingsway Olympic
1981	Perth Azzurri

TAA Night Series

1982	Cockburn United

Coca-Cola Cup Night Series

1983	West Perth Macedonia
1984	Kingsway Olympic

Magic Toyota Melville Night Series

1985	Floreat Athena

Emu Export Night Series

1986	Stirling Macedonia
1987	Bayswater

Top Goalscorers 1st Division

1961	J. McInroy (Tricolore)	27
1962	J. McInroy (Tricolore)	32
1963	J. McInroy (Tricolore)	48
1964	J. McInroy (Tricolore)	41
1965	J. McInroy (Tricolore)	35
1966	H. Lukoszek (Cracovia)	25
1967	B. Allan (Olympic)	24
1968	J. VanOosten (Azzurri)	29
1969	J. McInroy (Tricolore)	20
1970	R. Hynd (Tricolore)	33
1971	J. VanOosten (Azzurri)	39
1972	L. Dundo (Inglewood Kiev)	34
1973	L. Dundo (Inglewood Kiev)	*19
	R. Hynd (Tricolore)	*19
1974	L. Dundo (Inglewood Kiev)	24
1975	G. McMillan (Azzurri)	19
1976	G. McMillan (Azzurri)	*13
	L. Dundo (Olympic)	*13
1977	L. Dundo (Kingsway Oly)	18
1977	L. Dundo (Kingsway Oly)	18
1978	L. Dundo (Kingsway Oly)	15
1979	D. Fidoe (Spearwood Dal.)	13
1980	L. Dundo (Kingsway Oly)	18
1981	P. Tombides (Perth Azzurri)	17
1982	G. Cramphorn (Tricolore)	23
1983	P. Tombides (West Perth Macedonia)	29
1984	K. Elliott (Spearwood Dal.)	25
1985	P. Middleton (Kingsway Oly) and M. Smith (Spearwood Dalmatinac)	17
1986	K. Elliott (Perth Azzurri)	23
1987	J. Hunter (Stirling Mace)	19

Fairest & Best State League

1961	P. Atkinson (Cracovia)	
1962	P. Atkinson (Tricolore)	11
1963	J. Montagu (Athena)	14
1964	T. Paap (Windmills)	9
1965	J. Browning (North Perth)	15
1966	M. Ireson (Olympic)	14
1967	M. Ireson (Olympic)	14
	T. Paap (Windmills)	14
1968	T. Paap (Windmills)	14
1969	R. Varlow (Olympic)	12
1970	T. Paap (Windmills)	10
1971	Replaced by Rothmans Award	

Rothmans Gold Medal

1971	B. Newell (Azzurri)	23
1972	M. Redpath (Kwinana United)	38
1973	K. Hordell (Stirling City)	24
1974	R. Ilott (Ascot)	46
1975	D. Jones (Kwinana United)	51
1976	C. Burton (Spearwood Dal.)	46
1977	G. Todd (Inglewood Kiev)	45
1978	L. Adam (Inglewood Kiev)	49
1979	V. Alcock (Floreat Athena)	54
1980	L. Adam (Inglewood Kiev)	52
1981	S. Snell (Spearwood)	53
1982	N. Sutton (Inglewood Kiev)	28
1983	B. Atherton (Forrestfield)	53
1984	M. Gray (Spearwood Dal.)	29
1985	R. Campbell (Macedonia)	27
1986	K. Lowe (Spearwood Dal.)	36
1987	F. Cole (Gosnells)	25

D'Orsogna Cup

1960	Azzurri	Tricolore	7-3
1961	Tricolore	Windmills	3-1
1962	Tricolore	Fre. City	9-0
1963	North Perth	Tricolore	4-0
1964	North Perth	Swan Valley	4-2
1965	Azzurri	Cracovia	4-3

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S.A. RECORDS

ROTHMANS LEAGUE

1903	North Adelaide
1904	Woodville
1905	Hindmarsh
1906	North Adelaide
1907	Hindmarsh
1908	Hindmarsh
1909	Hindmarsh
1910	Cambridge
1911	Port Adelaide
1912	Port Adelaide
1913	Hindmarsh
1914	North Adelaide
1915	Cheltenham
1916-18	No Competition
1919	North Adelaide
1920	Cheltenham
1921	Cheltenham
1922	North Adelaide
1923	Cheltenham
1924	Hindmarsh
1925	West Torrens
1926	Port Adelaide
1927	Port Adelaide
1928	West Torrens
1929	West Torrens
1930	West Adelaide
1931	Port Adelaide
1932	West Torrens
1933	Kingswood
1934	Port Thistle
1935	Port Thistle
1936	West Torrens
1937	Port Thistle
1938	North-Dur.
1939	West Torrens
1940	Sturt
1941	West Torrens
1942	No Competition
1943	North-Dur.
1944	Birkalla
1945	Birkalla
1946	Kingswood
1947	Birkalla
1948	Sturt
1949	Sturt
1950	Birkalla
1951	Birkalla
1952	Birkalla
1953	Juventus
1954	Juventus
1955	Polonia
1956	Juventus
1957	Juventus
1958	Juventus
1959	Juventus
1960	Budapest
1961	Budapest
1962	Budapest
1963	Juventus
1964	Juventus
1965	U.S.C. Lion
1966	Hellas
1967	Juventus
1968	Hellas
1969	Hellas
1970	Juventus
1971	Hellas
1972	Juventus
1973	Hellas
1974	Juventus
1975	Polonia
1976	Hellas
1977	Polonia
1978	Cumberland Utd
1979	Beograd Woodville
1980	Croatia
1981	Azzurri
1982	Azzurri
1983	Beograd Woodville
1984	Croatia
1985	Salisbury
1986	Campbelltown C.
1987	Adelaide Hellas

FEDERATION CUP

1907	Cambridge
1908	Hindmarsh
1909	Hindmarsh
1910	Cambridge
1911	Cambridge
1912	Adelaide
1913	Adelaide
1914	Adelaide
1915	Cheltenham
1916-18	No Competition
1919	Sturt/Hindmarsh
1920	Cheltenham
1921	South Adelaide
1922	Cheltenham
1923	Prospect
1924	Holdens United
1925	West Torrens
1926	Port Adelaide
1927	West Torrens
1928	West Torrens
1929	West Torrens
1930	S.A. Railways
1931	Lancashire
1932	S.A. Railways
1933	Port Adelaide
1934	Port Thistle
1935	Kingswood
1936	Sturt
1937	Sturt
1938	Birkalla
1939	West Torrens
1940	West Torrens
1941	Sturt
1942	No Competition
1943	North-Dur.
1944	Birkalla
1945	Port Adelaide
1946	West Torrens
1947-49	No Competition
1950	Birkalla
1951	Birkalla
1952	Polonia (3rd Div.)
1953	Juventus
1954	Polonia
1955	Juventus
1956	U.S.C. Lion
1957	Juventus
1958	Juventus
1959	Juventus
1960	Croatia
1961	Enfield Victoria
1962	Croatia
1963	Juventus
1964	Hellas
1965	Juventus
1966	Polonia
1967	Hellas
1968	Polonia
1969	Juventus
1970	Juventus
1971	Juventus
1972	Juventus
1973	Juventus
1974	Croatia
1975	Polonia
1976	Juventus
1977	Croatia
1978	Cumberland United
1979	Port Adelaide
1980	Beogard
1981	Azzurri
1982	Croatia
1983	Beograd
1984	E. D. Azzurri
1985	Campbelltown C.
1986	E. D. Azzurri
1987	W.T.Birkalla

AMPOL CUP

1953	Budapest
1954	Budapest
1955	Juventus
1956	Juventus
1957	Budapest
1958	Juventus
1959	Juventus
1960	Juventus
1961	Croatia
1962	Juventus
1963	Budapest
1964	Hellas
1965	U.S.C. Lion
1966	Polonia
1967	Juventus
1968	Hellas
1969	Enfield Victoria
1970	Hellas
1971	Hellas
1972	Hellas
1973	Polonia
1974	Juventus
1975	Hellas
1976	Hellas
1977	Polonia
1978	Polonia
1979	West Adelaide
1980	Beograd
1981	Adelaide City
1982	Adelaide City
1983	Azzurri
1984	E. D. Azzurri
1985	Adelaide City
1986	Adelaide City
1987	Adelaide City

COCA-COLA CUP

1970	Hellas
1971	Juventus
1972	Juventus
1973	Juventus
1974	Hellas
1975	Hellas
1976	Hellas
1977	Polonia
1978	Polonia
1979	Beograd
1980	Beograd
1981	Para Hills
1982	Azzurri
1983	Polonia
1984	Croatia
1985	Polonia
1986	Adelaide Hellas
1987	Adelaide Hellas

WEST END PREMIER CUP

1984	Salisbury
1985	E. D. Azzurri
1986	Beograd Woodville
1987	Adelaide Hellas

ADELAIDE'S 'GREAT' DANE!

Jesper Sorensen is still battling to become acclimatised to the Aussie weather and Soccer scene.

Brought here from Denmark by Adelaide City he's not only had to attempt to master SA's excessive heat over the last eight weeks, but also attempt to fit in with new team-mates.

Plus he played full-back for KB Copenhagen in Denmark and City had been fielding him as a midfielder.

But one thing the 24-year-old Sorensen has not had to learn is a new language — he speaks perfect English.

"I'm used to running into positions and getting the ball," he said explaining one of the differences he had found in the Australian arena.

"Here I think I will have to shout for the ball until the boys get used to reading my game.

"They already understand each other and I appreciate that."

Sorensen said he was happy playing in midfield, but was more used to facing players from his fullback berth.

"My game was to go forward when I could as an attacking defender," he said.

And Sorensen certainly attacked.

Last year he scored two hat-tricks from defence. During his appearances for City, as a subsititute or a first choice, Sorensen has shown class and skill.

But he is the first to admit he has not caught up with his team-mates' fitness, and part of his has to do with the acclimitisation process.

And he is not certain to remain in Australia.

A Bachelor of Economics, Sorensen came here to further his studies.

He signed on a trial basis with City and has still to prove himself.

But he is already a favorite with fans.

Given the right breaks — and weather — they should have him as a permanent idol.

ADELAIDE HELLAS WINS BUT LOSES

Three major honours fell to the strong Adelaide Hellas, but the prize of a place in the 1988 West End National Soccer League completely eluded them.

Having won the Rothmans League and the Coca Cola Top Four Cup, they added the Premier Cup to complete a great domestic season.

But, with no Victorian club enterting the NSL play-offs, it was a case of defeating Brisbane Lions to return to the big time.

History shows a disastrous 2-0 home loss followed by a 4-0 shellacking in Brisbane.

The basic strength of Adelaide Hellas was there apart from in the NSL play-offs, with quality players such as Chris Manou, Brenton Hiern, John Panagis, Lou Hristodoulou, Steve Papadopoulos, Garry Price, Albert Kidd and George Konstandopoulos.

The West End Premier Cup came their way with a 2-1 win over Polonia.

Other major honours went to West Torrens Birkalla from Campbelltown City in the PGH Federation Cup, with Adelaide City claiming the Ampol Cup.

CHAMPING AT THE BIT

ADELAIDE CITY, national champions in 1986, are ready to fly high again.

While he's not predicting a title win, coach Zoran Matic is tipping his men will be in the five to improve on last season's dismal tenth spot.

Instead of working with a shoestring squad this year he has recruited eight players — Graham Latham, David Appleby, Wally Bojczuk, from local clubs, plus John Spanos from Manly, Steve Maxwell (Marconi), Jesper Sorensen, (Denmark), Robbie Naven (AIS) and Robert Zabica, the WA State goalkeeper who replaces Willie McNally, now back in Perth.

Add comeback after injury by Brian Northcote, Neville Flounders and Andy Toland, and the City squad looks awesome.

As well as last year's squad and the newcomers, Matic has high hopes for Juan Rodriguez and Tim Mullen, two of last year's State Second Division team.

With City now having a team in the State First Division it has been able to attract new faces who will be assured of playing top local Soccer if they don't make the NSL side.

Big centre back Neville Flounders, a fringe Socceroo, has made a tremendous recovery after knee surgery, while Maxwell, unhappy with his one season at Marconi, is burning since his return to SA.

And Sorensen is all class in the middle of the park with Sergio Melta and Aurelio Vidmar back to their best afer struggling last year.

1987 HONORS IN SA

ROTHMANS LEAGUE: Adelaide Hellas, runners up Salisbury United. Reserves: Para Hills. Youth: Adelaide Hellas. Second Division: Adelaide City. Reserves: Port Adelaide. Youth: Adelaide City.

PGH FEDERATION CUP: W.T. Birkalla, runners up Campbelltown City.
COCA COLA CHALLENGE CUP: Adelaide Hellas, runners up Croatia.
WEST END PREMIER CUP: Adelaide Hellas, runners up Polonia.
AMPOL CUP: Adelaide City.
BAILETTI CUP: Para Hills.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Rothmans First Division 1987 Tables

Adelaide Hellas	22	15	4	3	45	20	34
Salisbury Utd	22	13	7	2	31	13	33
Beograd Woodville	22	12	7	3	36	17	31
Croatia	22	12	6	4	34	14	30
Campbelltown City	22	8	8	6	26	19	24
Para Hills	22	9	4	9	32	23	22
U.S.C. Lion	22	8	5	9	27	36	21
Polonia	22	6	7	9	30	41	19
W.T. Birkalla	22	4	6	12	17	29	14
Cumberland Utd	22	2	10	10	19	37	14
E.D. Azzurri	22	4	5	13	18	36	11
C.D. Apac	22	2	5	15	14	44	9

Reserves

Parra Hills	22	17	4	1	66	25	38
Adelaide Hellas	22	13	7	2	53	27	33
Croatia	22	12	4	6	31	23	28
Salisbury Utd	22	10	5	7	44	35	25
Polonia	22	8	8	6	32	30	24
E.D. Azzurri	22	10	3	9	42	45	23
U.S.C. Lion	22	6	7	9	35	41	19
Beograd Woodville	22	8	2	12	41	45	18
W.T. Birkalla	22	5	8	9	33	38	18
C.D. Apac	22	4	8	10	25	37	16
Campbelltown City	22	6	3	13	29	49	15
Cumberland Utd	22	2	3	17	26	62	7

Youth Teams

Adelaide Hellas	22	17	4	1	63	12	38
Croatia	22	16	3	3	48	11	35
Para Hills	22	14	3	5	48	26	31
Polonia	22	11	6	5	29	19	28
E.D. Azzurri	22	10	6	6	34	26	26
Campbelltown City	22	7	7	8	37	41	21
W.T. Birkalla	22	8	4	10	29	36	20
Salisbury Utd	22	8	3	11	38	29	19
Beograd Woodville	22	5	6	11	25	48	16
C.D. Apac	22	5	4	13	26	36	14
U.S.C. Lion	22	3	3	16	22	63	9
Cumberland Utd	22	1	5	16	16	68	7

S.A. Rothmans Medal

DOORNE COMES UP TRUMPS

Polonia Adelaide's tough midfielder David Doorne had a handsome 10 point margin when the voting was announced for the 1987 South Australian Rothmans Medal.

A former Adelaide Hellas star, he had plenty of experience behind him.

A few possible favourites, including Lou Christodoulou and Steve Witwicki, lost points for disciplinary reasons and missed the running.

The main vote-getters were:

31: D. Doorne (Polonia Adelaide)
21: C. Stewart (U.S.C. Lion Grange)
18: P. Griffith (Salisbury United)
16: S. Hancar (Beograd Woodville)
I. Cole (Para Hills)
14: G. Higgins (Salisbury United)
13: D. Alberton (Beograd Woodville)
J. Francis (E.D. Azzurri)
J. Kierno (E.D. Azzurri)
12: Z. Maricic (Adelaide Croatia)
D. Gray (Campbelltown City)
S. Murdoch (Cumberland United)
11: G. Dooley (Campbelltown City)
H. Bell (Salisbury United)
A. Briscoe (West Torrens Birkalla)
10: D. Pankhurst (Adelaide Croatia)
G. Honeyman (Adelaide Hellas)
L. Pivetta (Cumberland United)
J. Williams (Salisbury United)
9: A. Giannitto (E.D. Azzurri)
M. Crook (Para Hills)
8: D. Arezina (Beograd Woodville)
L. Signore (Beograd Woodville)
B. Crook (Para Hills)
C. Collins (Polonia Adelaide)
7: T. Savoudis (Adelaide Hellas)
A. Brooks (Central Districts Apac)
S. Baker (E.D. Azzurri)
D. Marangon (U.S.C. Lion Grange)
6: Q. Watkins (Adelaide Croatia)
J. Keramidas (Adelaide Hellas)
R. Knowles (Central Districts Apac)
R. de Pinto (Cumberland United)
S. Parks (Cumberland United)
M. Boffa (E.D. Azzurri)
A. Papp-Hovarth (U.S.C. Lion Grange)
5: M. Barnett (Adelaide Croatia)
P. Frantzis (Adelaide Hellas)
B. Moore (Central Districts Apac)
T. Radford (Para Hills)
D. Harley (Polonia Adelaide)
R. Mullen (Polonia Adelaide)
S. Hutchins (U.S.C. Lion Grange)
E. Briscoe (West Torrens Birkalla)
R. Tobin (West Torrens Birkalla)
4: S. Atsalas (Adelaide Hellas)
M. Barendregt (Campbelltown City)
S. Giannone (Campbelltown City)
R. Parsons (Campbelltown City)
R. Tuffs (Campbelltown City)
B. Henderson (Central Districts Apac)
3: M. McCreesh (Cumberland United)
G. Latham (Salisbury United)
L. Sullivan (Salisbury United)
R. Cavuoto (U.S.C. Lion Grange)
M. Pietrus (West Torrens Birkalla)
2: P. Rankin (Adelaide Croatia)
S. Amos (Campbelltown City)
M. Peace (Central Districts Apac)
P. Kitchin (E.D. Azzurri)
A. Miller (E.D. Azzurri)
T. Gasparetto (Salisbury United)
1: D. Lokteff (Beograd Woodville)
D. Rusmir (Beograd Woodville)
B. Boyd (Central Districts Apac)
D. Hackston (Polonia Adelaide)

1987 Tables — Senior League

A.C.T.S.F.

Premier Division

Croatia Deakin	12	2	0	55	12	26
Belconnen Utd	9	2	3	46	11	20
Juventus	7	3	4	37	17	17
CCAE	6	3	5	26	22	15
Concordia Canb.	6	2	6	28	41	14
Olympians	6	1	7	30	23	13
Tuggeranong Utd	3	1	10	17	41	7
Narrabundah	0	0	14	10	72	0

Division II

Weston Creek	11	1	2	53	19	23
Canberra City	10	2	2	39	12	22
Queanbeyan City	5	6	3	37	22	16
ANU	6	3	5	30	23	15
ADFA	5	3	6	24	26	13
Canberra Utd	5	2	7	31	44	12
International	2	3	9	20	46	7
Condors	1	2	11	20	62	4

Division III

Goulburn "85"	11	2	1	43	15	25
Cooma	8	5	1	44	24	21
Tuggeranong Utd	5	5	4	26	24	15
Dickson Old Boys	5	3	6	27	27	13
ANU	4	3	7	25	37	11
CCAE	3	5	6	18	31	11
RMC	3	3	8	26	35	9
Wanderers	2	4	8	20	36	8

Division IV

Tuggeranong Utd	15	4	3	93	28	34
Belnorth	16	1	5	80	37	33
Belwest	14	4	4	49	22	32
Belconnen Utd	13	3	6	75	36	29
Canberra City	13	2	7	63	48	28
Hawks	10	3	8	65	46	23
Nth Canberra Jets	11	0	10	58	38	22
RMC	8	4	9	41	50	20
Shadows	7	2	12	44	66	16
ADFA A	4	4	13	35	68	12
Latino-Americas	2	2	17	21	74	6
ADFA B	0	1	19	16	137	1

Division V

Cooma	12	1	1	50	20	25
CCAE	11	1	2	44	22	23
Goulburn "85"	7	2	5	49	12	16
Tuggeranong Utd	6	4	4	42	22	16
Wanderers	3	3	8	22	49	9
ANU	4	0	9	25	33	8
Dickson Old Boys	3	2	9	23	17	8
RMC	2	1	10	19	53	5

Division VI

Weston Creek	19	1	2	93	65	39
Belconnen Utd	17	2	3	114	85	36
Belnorth	15	3	4	66	33	43
Italo-Australia	11	4	6	57	16	26
Jets	10	5	7	58	25	23
Tuggeranong Utd	9	4	8	62	16	22
Canberra City	9	4	9	40	20	22
Condors	5	4	12	49	72	23
ADFA	4	6	12	44	78	14
ANU	5	1	15	33	91	11
Latino America	3	3	16	22	60	9
RMC	2	3	15	22	76	7

Division I — Reserve Grade

Belconnen Utd	13	0	1	54	34	26
Juventus	10	2	2	42	17	22
Croatia Deakin	10	2	3	51	31	21
CCAE	9	0	5	35	25	18
Narrabundah	4	1	9	10	40	9
Concordia Canb.	3	1	10	12	27	7
Olympians	2	1	11	9	40	5
Tuggeranong Utd	2	0	12	16	15	4

Division I — Youth

Belconnen Utd	13	1	0	62	50	27
Croatia Deakin	10	2	2	41	27	22
Juventus	6	4	4	37	22	16
CCAE	7	2	5	44	30	16
Olympians	5	2	7	30	42	12
Tuggeranong Utd	4	0	10	21	24	8
Narabundah	4	0	10	22	53	8
Concordia Canb.	1	1	12	9	39	3

Division II — Reserve Grade

Weston Creek	10	4	0	50	33	24
ANU	10	2	2	54	12	22
Canberra City	10	2	2	36	23	22
ADFA	8	2	4	37	13	16
Condors	5	2	7	32	40	12
International	3	0	11	18	34	6
Canberra Utd	3	0	11	27	56	6
Queanbeyan City	2	0	12	14	44	4

Division II — Youth

Belconnen Utd A	9	1	1	63	52	19
Juventus	8	2	1	44	12	18
ADFA A	6	1	3	54	16	13
Belconnen Utd B	4	3	5	55	29	11
Inter Monaro	4	1	7	21	24	9
Woden Valley	3	1	8	19	27	7
ADFA B	0	3	9	10	111	3

ACTSF Junior League 1987 Premiers

U11 1: Belsouth, Croatia Deakin. **2:** Belnorth B, Belnorth A. **3:** Belnorth C, Blue Light. **4:** Belwest, St John Vianney.

U12 1: Belnorth A, Belsouth. **2:** Belwest, Monaro. **3:** Belwest, Majura. **4:** Belnorth A, Tuggeranong Utd.

U13 1: Weston Creek, Croatia Deakin A. **2:** Tuggeranong Utd, Weston Creek. **3:** Belnorth A, St Edmunds. **4:** Belnorth A, Belsouth.

U14 1: St Edmunds and Weston Creek jointly. **2:** Belwest and Weston Creek jointly. **3:** Tuggeranong Utd Marist, Belwest and Belnorth A.

U15 1: Belwest, Majura. **2:** Woden/Melrose, Marist. **3:** Belnorth A, Grammar A.

U16 1: Belnorth, Monaro. **2:** Radford, Weston Creek.

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Richard Beazley
Executive Director: Lyndall Jennings

CANBERRA GASPS FOR DEAR LIFE

OFFICIALS of crisis-torn Canberra Griffins have been attempting to arrange a meeting with marketing expert Bob Pritchard in an 11th hour bid to save the NSW League club from folding.

Griffins publicity officer John Bonnett said the move was a desperate one, "but we refuse to give up hope and this appears to be the only course left to us".

plight has shocked the ACT Soccer community, especially as only a few weeks earlier the club had appeared well advanced in its preparations to improve on last season's narrow loss to Wollongong City in the race for the NSW League championship.

Coach Augusto Palacios had signed a provisional contract and former Socceroo and Australian Institute of Sport boss Jimmy Shoulder had been engaged as a management consultant.

But all this optimism depended on one crucial factor — the ability of Bob Pritchard International Marketing to come up with a major sponsor in 1988.

The link between the Griffins and BPIM was forged last August when Pritchard himself came to Canberra.

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CANBERRA FOR NSL

Canberra Griffins are committed to finding a spot in the National Soccer League.

The Canberra management has taken a big step to engage Bob Pritchard International Marketing to handle their promotion whilst still in the NSW State League.

Certainly games against leading clubs Blacktown City, Melita Eagles, Uruguayan Penrith, Sutherland Shire and the reorganised Newcastle are capable of drawing the public.

And who knows which other clubs could pop up and challenge with some classy football.

The NSW Soccer Federation has decided to consolidate the State League into a major competition, and this will soon be to the advantage of all clubs and the Griffins in particular.

FIRST AMPOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Croatia Deakin fittingly reached the Ampol Soccer championship final, but had to give South Coast Croatia best over the two legs of the final.

A 3-2 second leg win at Memorial Park Corrimal saw the Illawarra outfit narrowly take honours due to a superior workrate and extra snappiness in front of goal.

The winning goal came when Mirko Sola blasted his shot past Frank Reising from fully 30 metres out.

Belconnen United took third place with a 4-3 aggregate win over Illawarra's Bulli club.

Also competing were CCAE and Juventus from the ACT as well as Cringila United and West — Figtree from Illawarra.

This was the first time that the series had been conducted and clubs gave a vote of thanks to the Ampol organisation for their valued sponsorship.

New Cup Format

The ACT Cup will begin on a home and away format for 1988 in a restructuring determined at the end of 1987 season.

Not surprisingly the major clubs have benefitted from the better standard evident in the eight team first division.

The down side is that there are insufficient games in the season proper. The revamping will ensure the clubs of at least 20 games.

Ampol Cup Finals

PREMIER DIVISION: Croatia Deakin 4 Belconnen United 1. Reserve Grade: Belconnen United 3 CCAE 0. Youth Division 1: Belconnen United 1 Croatia Deakin 0. DIVISION II — First Grade: ANU 1 Weston Creek 0. Division II Reserve Grade: Defence Academy 2 Weston Creek 1. Youth Division II: Belconnen United 4 Juventus 1. DIVISION III: Goulburn "85" 3 Cooma 1. DIVISION V: Tuggeranong United 2 CCAE 1.

CROATIA DEAKIN OUSTS BELCONNEN

It took 120 minutes to do it, but at the end of the day Croatia Deakin had won the Ampol Cup for the first time since 1979.

The final score of 4-1 did not reflect the closeness of play for most of the game.

In the semi-finals Croatia downed Juventus 7-6 in a shoot-out, with Belconnen defeating CCAE with two goals from John Walsh and one from Micky Seale.

Croatia also had the better of Belconnen in the premiership as well as the Final Four series to complete a magnificent season.

For CCAE it was however a year of achievement. Apart from reaching the semi-finals and playing in the Ampol Championship, they claimed the Federation Cup with a 2-1 win over favourites Juventus.

Canberra City Olympians Best and Fairest for 1987 — Peter Thompson (No.5) on ground views proceedings as a Weston player flies high to head clear.

DUNN, GAGETTI ARE SELECTED

Canberra Griffins' Jason Dunn and Inter Monaro's Joe Gagetti were named as Player of the Year for 1987 by their respective clubs.

The irony for former Australian schoolboy international Dunn was that the referees had overlooked him. He failed to secure a single vote in the NSW Rothmans Medal.

At 21 the 190cm Dunn is wanted by the Griffins, although he has the ability to secure an NSL ranking.

Goalkeeper Anthony Giannasca was named the Most Improved Player.

Monaro's Joe Gagetti, one of the most experienced players to remain following the end of the club's NSL era, deservedly won the major award.

Most Improved player was won by Mark Arthur.

ACT Winners 1987

DIVISION	PREMIERS	RUNNERS-UP
1	Croatia Deakin	Belconnen Utd
2	Weston Creek	Canberra City
3	Goulburn "85"	Cooma
4	Tuggeranong Utd	Belnorth
5	Cooma	Goulburn "85"
6	Weston Creek	Belconnen Utd
1 Reserves	Belconnen Utd	Juventus
1 Youth	Belconnen Utd	Croatia Deakin
2 Reserves	Weston Creek	ANU
2 Youth	Belconnen Utd A	Juventus

Final Four Series

DIVISION	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
1	Croatia Deakin	Belconnen Utd
2	ANU	Weston Creek
3	Goulburn "85"	Cooma
5	Tuggeranong Utd	CCAE
1 Reserves	Belconnen Utd	CCAE
1 Youth	Belconnen Utd	Croatia Deakin
2 Reserves	ADFA	Weston Creek
2 Youth	Belconnen Utd	Juventus

Cup Competitions

CUP	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
Autumn Shield	RMC	Wanderers
Canberra Cup	Juventus	BUSC
Jim Fraser Cup	Juventus	Canberra City Ol
Viscount Shield	BUSC	ANU
Viscount Cup	Croatia Deakin	Juventus
Federation Cup	CCAE	Juventus

AIS SWITCH FAVOURS

Although the Australian Institute of Sport had to face a non-competitive year with the Victorian State League, they did it in style.

Having upgraded themselves from playing in the Northern Division Youth League, they had to bow to the VSF constitution, which provides for a competition for Victorian clubs only.

The strange feature of the AIS performance is that they only lost one game all year, and that was to demoted Broadmeadows.

Coach Ron Smith believes that his side could have won the Victorian League, or given it a shake, had they been playing for points.

This year, although most matches will have to be played in Sydney, they will have to chance to play in the NSW State League on a fully competitive basis.

The AIS again provided key players to the Australian youth team. Many have had three years at the Institute, including national youth skipper Kurt Reynolds.

For 1987 the squad was David Mower, Peter Gunning, Daid Healey, David Clarkson, Greg Mills, Alex Cummings, John Koch, John Gibson, Jason Polak, Paul Foster, Craig Foster, Dong Marcina, Paul Welsh, Alan Riddell, Steve Horvat, Dean Nicolaou and Alistair Edwards.

For 1988 Welsh, Mills, Horvat, Nicolaou and Gibson stay on.

Included in the intake are Andrew Roberts (Northern NSW), Dominic Longo (Tasmania), Craig Hoogendoorn and Ned Zelic (ACT) and Greg Dickinson, Stephane Jee and Milan Blagojevic (NSW).

Congratulations to the AIS' Foster brothers, who hail from Goonelebah near Lismore on the NSW Far North Coast.

Craig has signed a two year contract with Glasgow Rangers, whilst Paul has joined South Melbourne.

TASMANIA

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BY WALTER PLESS

This year the Tasmanian State League will again be in operation, replacing the previous separate Southern and Northern competitions.

An improved standard of play should result. Tasmanian distances, whilst considerable, are not so long when compared with those that apply in the NSL.

The clubs that have the opportunity to put on a higher standard of football are: Olympia WPL, Juventus-Pioneer, White Eagles, Croatia-Glenorchy and Caledonians from the south and Launceston Juventus, Launceston Matric, George Town, Devonport City and Ulverstone from the north and north west.

Omitted were Burnie United, Rapid, Launceston City, Hobart City-Azzurri and Metro-Claremont.

Previously the Tasmanian State League lasted from 1978 to 1981.

The 1981 final, in which Brighton ICL defeated Launceston Juventus, produced one of the biggest crowds to view a Soccer match in the state.

Indeed, if the new League is planned to a real climax, there could well be a big improvement in the attendances.

In 1987 Olympia WPL scooped the Tasmanian State premiership title. After a 2-2 draw with Ulverstone they won out 3-1 at King George V Park for a 5-3 aggregate victory.

Ulverstone were to rue their missed chances in the second leg, with Olympia punishing them after the break.

Olympia only headed the Cadbury State League on goal difference from Juventus, with White Eagles third and only a point away.

Croatia-Glenorchy performed with credit, Callies had an ordinary season whilst Howrah and Rapid too often were treated akin to punching bag.

Howrah certainly howled with delight when, in defeating Rapid 3-1 in the last round, they won three successive matches for the first time ever.

White Eagles annexed the Bohemian Restaurant Statewide Invitation Cup with a 2-1 win over Juventus-Pioneer.

Midfielder David Stoddart and striker Richard Leszczynski did a deal of the damage.

Former Newcastle coach Peter Irving can look back on a good season with Juventus-Pioneer.

He took the club to a pre-season Cascade Summer Cup title and then success in the Cadbury Jubilee Trophy as well as second place in the State League.

TAS. TALENT

One of the outstanding features for Tasmanian football was to have two born and bred local players captaining Australian teams.

Kurt Reynolds spent the year with Blacktown City in NSW, and led the Young Socceroos in Chile in the World Youth Cup finals.

Australia's under 16 captain was Dominic Longo of Hobart's Juventus-Pioneer.

He gained additional experience in the World under 16 Cup finals in Canada, and is now at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

This breakthrough is without precedent for Tasmania, and points the way ahead to the heights for keen youth players of the future.

NORTHERN VICTORY

Two controversial penalties, both converted by Colin Guest, gave Northern Tasmania a 2-1 win over Southern Tasmania in the return Intra-state clash at Devonport's Valley Road ground.

Northern Tasmania completed the double, having beaten the South 2-1 at KGV Soccer Park, in Glenorchy, earlier in the season.

An own goal in the 35th minute by the North's player-coach, Peter Savill, sent the Southerners in 1-0 up at the interval.

The match at this stage was a torrid affair with the tough midfield duel between the South's Australian Under-16 representative captain, Dominic Longo, and the North's Bob Stillie, being typical confrontations.

The North's equaliser came early in the second half when Southern defender Peter Sherman was adjudged to have handled the ball while lying on the ground.

Colin Guest, the former holder of the Rothmans Gold Medal, made no mistake with his spot kick.

Hobart action with Rapid's Greg Calvert (left) and Croatia's Larry Nunn.
— Picture Raoul Kochanowski

The winner, again by Guest and from the penalty spot, came 15 minutes from the end when Neil Connell, the South's replacement goalkeeper, was penalised for pushing Andy Scheibl as the two chased a loose ball.

The North's coach, Peter Savill, said that both penalties were dubious but added that his players showed a lot more character and the end result was fair.

"The South played hard, fast and well in the first half, but our general team effort was better as we're not just individuals," Savill said.

North 2 (C Guest 2) South 1 (Savill own goal).

— WALTER PLESS

RAPID's Mark Nikolai outpaces Juventus — Pioneer's Sergio Pace and Romeo Frediani. *(Photo by James Kerr)*

MONAGLE'S MEDAL

Liam Monagle, player-coach of Northern Tasmanian Honeychurch Premier League club George Town, won the 1987 Rothmans Medal winner in Tasmania.

Monagle polled 30 points, eight ahead of Launceston Juventus's Peter Savill, who was second.

The leading Southern player was White Eagles striker, Andrew Leszczynski, who came third with 20 votes.

It was Monagle's second Gold Medal, having won the award previously in 1983 while with Ulverstone.

Monagle, a 30-year-old school teacher at St Patrick's College in Launceston, arrived in Australia from Ireland in 1981 to join NSL club Heidelberg.

He left the Melbourne club the following year and teamed up with Joe McGrory at Ulverstone on Tasmania's north west coast.

Monagle transferred to George Town in 1984 and coached the side to third place in this year's competition.

He has been a regular member of the State team and the Northern representative in its intra-state clashes with the South.

"I honestly didn't think I had a chance, and that's not false modesty," Monagle said after being presented with the medal by Tasmania's Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr John Bennett MHA, at the presentation ceremony at Hobart's Wrest Point Casino Convention Centre.

Vote-getters: 30 Liam Monagle (George Town), 22 Peter Savill (Launceston Juventus), 20 Andrew Leszczynski (White Eagles), 19 Perry Forster (Olympia-WPL), 18 Craig Nichols (Olympia-WPL), Conrad Hughes (Launceston Matric), B Barac (Launceston United), 16 Alistair Hales (Howrah), Larry Nunn (Craotia-Glenorchy), Chris Bessell (Launceston City), Andy Fraser (Launceston United).

TASMANIA

Cadbury League

Olympia	20	15	1	4	74	19	31
Juventus Pioneer	20	14	3	3	60	28	31
White Eagles	20	14	2	4	76	30	30
Croatia Glenorchy	20	9	6	5	54	32	24
Caledonians	20	6	2	12	26	48	14
Howrah	20	4	2	14	20	65	10
Rapid	20	2	1	17	17	71	5
*Hobart	14	4	1	9	14	48	9

**Hobart City suspended from competition at conclusion of Game 14*

PREMIERS: Olympia Soccer Club. **MOTORS PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Perry Foster (Olympia). **UMBRO LEADING GOALSCORER:** Richard Leszczynski (White Eagles).**UMBRO "COACH OF THE YEAR":** Ken Morton (Olympia).

Goalscorers

OLYMPIA: P. Xanthopoulos (21), M. Goldsmith (13), K. Morton (9), C. Nichols (9), P. Forster (8), R. Munro (5), D. Crossen (3), A. Greenwood (2), P. Sherman (2), M. Bloomfield (1), C. Hey (1).

JUVENTUS PIONEER: S. Pace (22), J. Broadhouse (13), R. Frediani (6), F. Genovesi (4), S. Kannegiesser (3), R. Kent (3), C. Ambrosino (3), R. Fabrizio (2), A. Cochrane (1), N. Di Martino (1), B. Stanford (1).

WHITE EAGLES: R. Leszczyzynski (29), A. Leszczynski (16), D. Stoddart (12), D. O'Brien (5), S. Young (5), M. Driessen (3), S. Collins (1).

CROATIA GLENORCHY: J. McIntyre (13), T. Bacic (8), P. Furjanic (6), N. Thomas (5), I. Bacic (5), P. Huigsloot (5), W. Cowen (3), I. Baric (2), L. Nunn (1), W. Kirkpatrick (1), C. Francis (1), M. McQuade (1), W. Peters (1), N. Zajec (1), R. Furjanic (1).

CALEDONIANS: T. Robins (10), I. Parker (4), B. Murtagh (3), A. Joseph (2), B. Schaiger (2), J. White (1), J. Bell (1), G. Callaghan (1), M. Allen (1).

HOWRAH: J. Harvey (7), A. Hales (4), P. Engel (2), K. Berry (2), G. Schueller (2), T. New (1), M. Nurse (1).

RAPID: L. Kock (5), L. Errey (3), D. Donohoe (3), P. Thompson (2), D. Blake (1), J. Brown (1), J. Cionci (1), J. Fletcher (1).

HOBART CITY: N. Bishop (7), K. Barker (4), C.Ambrosino (1), R. MArino (1), M. Sly (1).

Cadbury Jubilee Trophy Series

WINNER: Perpetual Trophy: Juventus Pioneer. **Runner-Up:** Olympia. **Third:** Croatia Glenorchy. **Fourth:** White Eagles.

PLAYER OF THE SERIES: Dominic Longo (Juventus Pioneer). **Player of the Match:** Michael Driessen (White Eagles), Paul Sherman (Olympia), Nenad Zajek (Croatia Glenorchy), Dominic Longo (Juventus Pioneer).

HIGHEST SCORING TEAM: Juventus Pioneer 4/1 Olympia 4/4. **Leading Goalscorer:** Carlo Ambrosino.

Bavarian Restaurant Statewide Invitation Cup

WINNER: White Eagles. **Runner-up:** Juventus Pioneer.

Pepsi Youth League

White Eagles	20	15	1	4	63	11	31
Olympia	20	14	2	4	50	20	30
Juventus Pioneer	20	11	3	6	54	37	25
Howrah	20	9	3	8	34	31	21
Croatia Glenorchy	20	8	4	8	30	37	20
Caledonians	20	5	3	12	24	47	13
Rapid	20	2	4	14	23	64	8
*Hobart City	14	2	2	10	17	48	6

**Hobart City suspended from comeptition at conclusion of Game 14*

Pepsi Youth League

PREMIERS: White Eagles Soccer Club. **PEPSI YOUTH PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Richard Ketchell (White Eagles). **PEPSI LEADING GOALSCORER:** Brett Harwood (White Eagles).

Goalscorers

WHITE EAGLES: B. Harwood (28), T. Laszczak (9), E. Banasik (5), R. Ketchell (4), S. Templeman (3), C. Pitt (3), A. Carrigan (2), S. Drinkwater (1), M. Broadbent (1), B. Rybak (1), G. Rosinski (1), S. Norton (1), R. Leszczynski (1).

OLYMPIA: B. Tsakiris (13), A. Hart (7), C. Tsiakis (6), P. Tsangaris (4), C. Brown (4), N. Padas (3), P. Kaproulias (3), K. Morton (2), C. Barrell (1), S. Keskividis (1), P. Sherman (1), P. Xanthopoulos (1).

JUVENTUS PIONEER: T. Rossi (9), F. Genovesi (8), R. Matrocola (6), M. Lapolla (6), L. Leon (5), D. Storey (3), I. Smart (3), G. Schueller (3), N. Lapolla (2), B. Stanford (2), D. Woolley (2), S. Bromfield (1), M. Longo (1), R. de Felice (1), R. Schweisinger (1).

HOWRAH: B. Morling (9), S. Maccallini (5), S. Hadley (3), N. Shaw (3), R. Coringiu (3), G. Kingston (2), P. Goward (2), M. Nurse (2), G. Schueler (2), A. Schorta (1), R. Vaughan (1), P. Engels (1).

CROATIA GLENORCHY: J. Papastamatis (6), D. Robb (5), A. Grundy (4), T. Bacic (4), R. Johnson (3), W. Cowen (2), P. Liderth (2), A. Payne (1), M. McQuade (1), D. Mikan (1), D. Spence (1).

CALEDONIANS: A. Paine (3), D. Jenkins (3), B. Murtagh (3), M. Allen (2), M. Duharte (2), D. Arnott (2), A. Joseph (1), R. Pillans (1), T. Robins (1), J. Bell (1), D. Smith (1), G. Dalton (1).

RAPID: F. Shaw (3), L. Errey (3), T. Payne (1), G. Calvert (1), R. Darvell (1), D. Gadd (1), G. Cionci (1), A. Richardson (1), J. Bingham (1), M. Palfrey (1), D. Donohoe (1).

Pepsi "Top Four" Series

WINNER: Olympia. **Runner-up:** Juventus Pioneer.

Junior Leagues

UNDER 16: Premiers — White Eagles. KO Winners — Croatia Glenorchy. **UNDER 14:** Premiers: Phoenix PCL (Black), KO Winners — Phoenix PCL (Black). **UNDER 13:** Premiers: Juventus Pioneer (Black) Knockout Cup Winners.

Rothmans League

DIVISION ONE

University	21	13	4	4	44	21	30
Taroona	21	11	7	3	47	19	29
Kingborough Utd	21	13	3	5	39	22	29
Metro Claremont	21	11	6	4	54	22	28
South Hobart	21	7	6	8	36	34	20
Phoenix PCL	21	6	5	10	28	48	17
Caledonians	21	3	3	15	25	78	9
Nelson United	21	3	0	18	24	56	6

Goalscorers

UNIVERSITY: Z. Ibrahim (11), C. Hargreave (9), D. Shepherd (4), P. Crowther (4), P. Kuzis (3), C. Green (3), G. Tooth (2), A. Shepherd (2), A. Robinson (2), G. Swain (1), S. Edwards (1), R. Mallick (1).

TAROONA: B. Ross (15), C. Ross (8), J. Paplos (6), P. Sherman (6), E. Stewart (4), L. Darko (3), M. Sherman (2), S. Carver (1), P. Wallace (1).

KINGBOROUGH UNITED: J. Howell (16), D. Trueman (10), J. Ellis (3), R. Barker (2), S. Pepper (1), T. Trivett (1), G. Allcock (1), S. de Haan (1), D. Dinjan (1), P. Wallace (1).

METRO CLAREMONT: D. Mitchell (18), M. Dawes (8), S. Pitchford (7), K. Clamp (5), R. Agius (5), M. McIntyre (3), S. Oliver (2), A. Tassell (2), G. Ashwood (2), B. Porthouse (1).

SOUTH HOBART: R. Sanders (10), P. Sherman (6), R. Catherall (5), B. Sherman (4), I. Groeber (3), M. Nelson (2), P. Verrell (2), S. Adkins (1), M. Barlow (1), A. Poole (1).

PHOENIX PCL: R. Jones (7), K. Tamani (4), L. Howells (4), B. Hill (3), B. Donaldson (2), G. Cairns (2), R. Dunkerley (2), G. McGuire (1), D. Archer (1).

CALEDONIANS: M. Bygraves (9), J. Bell (3), S. O'Brien (3), S. Salter (2), R. Dodds (1), S. Cahar (1), I. Martin (1), M. Jeffries (1), G. Griggs (1), D. Jenkins (1).

NELSON UNITED: G. Siddall (6), M. Woods (6), N. Tanner (4), E. Rawlings (3), P. Kruse (2), M. Craik (1), C. Fallon (1).

DIVISION TWO

Metro Claremont	19	13	4	2	49	16	30
Juventus Pioneer	19	13	3	3	49	22	29
P.O. Saints	19	12	3	4	48	21	27
University	19	7	3	9	41	37	17
Howrah	19	7	2	10	39	42	16
Caledonians	19	5	4	10	30	47	14
Kingborough Utd	19	1	0	18	15	67	2
*Taroona	7	2	1	4	10	29	5

**Taroona withdrawn from competition at end of round 1*

DIVISION THREE

Rapid	18	13	3	2	72	33	29
Lindisfarne	18	11	2	5	58	31	24
Richmond United	18	9	4	5	56	40	22
White Eagles	18	8	5	5	51	32	21
Uni. Gold	18	9	2	7	57	42	20
Uni. Grads	18	9	2	7	47	32	20
South Hobart	18	6	5	7	41	39	17
Caledonians	18	6	4	8	50	54	16
Phoenix PCL	18	4	1	13	27	73	7
Metro Claremont	18	2	0	16	13	96	4

DIVISION FOUR

Nelson United	14	7	4	3	35	14	18
Lindisfarne	14	7	3	4	37	31	17
Uni. Grads.	14	7	3	4	31	27	17
Juventus Pioneer	14	6	3	5	25	21	15
ALPS	14	6	2	5	29	22	14
Uni. United	14	5	4	5	29	32	14
Richmond	14	4	3	7	27	37	11
South Hobart	14	2	2	10	23	52	6

BETTER CROWDS TIP

BY WALTER PLESS

THE 1988 Cadbury State League season in Tasmania, the first real state-wide league since 1981, is all set to begin.

Cadbury is sponsoring the new league to the tune of $10,000 and all 10 teams are into full training.

Olympia-WPL, Juventus-Pioneer, White Eagles, Croatia-Glenorchy and Caledonians will represent the south of the State, Launceston Matric, Launceston Juventus and George Town the north of the island while Devonport City and Ulverstone are the representatives from the North-West Coast.

Caledonians, the last winners of the State title in 1981 when they were known as Brighton-ICL, are keen to retain the championship.

The club has appointed Alistair Hales as player-coach. A former Rothmans Gold Medal winner, Hales was in Brighton's championship-winning team in 1981.

He joins Calies from Howrah, where he was player-coach for the past two seasons.

Hales has brought some players from Howrah with him. Tony New, Jason Havery and Nicky Onn are all training with Calies at this stage.

The club has also signed two 28-year-old strikers from interstate. They are Andrew Ridgewell from Western Australia and Ian McGlone from Sydney.

Olympia-WPL have appointed David Crosson to replace title-winning coach Ken Morton, who has joined Devonport City.

Crosson played a vital role as a player in Olympia's premiership side in 1987. He is no stranger to coaching, having been in charge of Rapid and Croatia in recent years.

Appointment

Peter Irving has given up a lucrative coaching position in Perth to return to Tasmania and resume the reins at Juventus-Pioneer, while Croatia have reappointed Wayne Cowen and assistant Stephen Smith.

Croatia may be without several key players, however, Willy Peters and Larry Nunn are reputed to have called it a day, Billy Kirkpatrick is joining a lower league club because of business commitments, Ivan and Tony Bacic may be going to Europe for a year and Paul Furjanic is off to Canada for 12 months.

Bobby Rybak has been reappointed by White Eagles and they look like retaining most of their squad from 1987.

The greatest challenge to southern dominance will probably come from Devonport City, arguably the most progressive club in the State.

The club may have suffered a setback when its clubrooms were destroyed by fire late last season, but on the field, it will be as strong as ever.

Morton is considered by many as the top coach in the State and he is certain to get the best out of all his players.

He is familiar with all the State's players and his knowledge of the opposition should allow him to plan Devonport's campaign to perfection.

Devonport has the jump over most other teams in that they started training in November. The players are probably already fit enough for the season and Morton is undoubtedly well into tactical preparations.

The coming season promises to be an interesting one and the Tasmanian Soccer Federation is confident the new state-wide format will lead to an increase in attendances.

WOMEN'S SOCCER PROGRESSES

Women's Soccer in Australia can point to some outstanding achievements for 1987, with international games in Taiwan and the National championships in Alice Springs well to the fore.

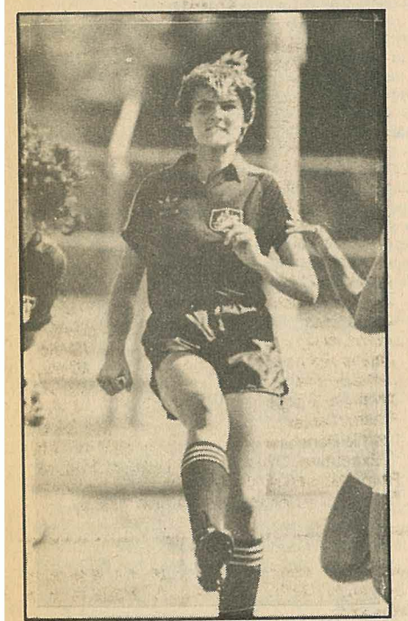
And more exciting possibilities have opened up this year, which includes the pilot Women's World Cup to be held in China, and which will be monitored by FIFA officials.

The much awaited inaugural World Cup for women is likely to be held in 1990, with Australia hosting to Oceania Women's Cup in 1989.

The 14th Australian Championship saw Victoria installed as winners with a two goal better goal difference than Northern NSW, followed by South Australian and ACT.

Participation in the World Women's Invitation Cup in Taipei represents the third occasion on which the Australian team has been involved in the series.

There were two other exceptional firsts for 1987. The National Youth team participated in a tournament in Dallas, Texas, and five states/territories played in the first National Schoolgirls titles in Perth.



Australia youth team defender Lisa Van Dorp clears the ball during the 1-1 draw with American team D'Feeters in the Dallas Cup competition.

To this stage there has been no resolution of matters involving NSW and which have resulted in players from the major state not being available for international representation.

On the administrative front a worthwhile sponsorship scheme for players of gold and silver awards is in place. The Aussie Sports coaching manual, attending to girls interests as well as boys, was launched by the ACHPER organisation.

Young Women

Northern NSW overcame the effects of a last round loss to win the Australian under 18 championships in Brisbane.

Western Australia took second position, whilst in the Under 15 ranks NSW succeeded with Tasmania excelling by securing the runners-up place.

National Titles

VICTORIA HOME

A superior goal difference gave Victoria their first ever Australian Women's Soccer Association National title, at the expense of Northern NSW in the series held at Alice Springs.

Northern NSW did manage to turn the tables in the Challenge Cup, when they ran out 3-0 victors over Victoria with two goals from Renaye Iserief and one from Monique Sutherland.

With NSW not competing as most leading players appear in the separate NSW Women's Soccer League, the holders weren't present to defend their title.

In the final wash-up Victoria had a two goal superior goal difference to the Northern NSW outfit.

South Queensland slumped to a 3-0 loss to Northern NSW after showing out well earlier, but in the final analysis some lack of drive and scoring power proved their undoing.

After Victoria, Northern NSW and South Queensland came ACT, South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and Tasmania in that order.

Renaye Iserief (NNSW) led the scorers with nine goals, followed by Sharon Black (SA) 6, Julie Murray (ACT) 6 and Jane Oakley (Vic) 5.

Victoria	7	5	2	0	15	1	12
NNSW	7	5	2	0	15	3	12
S Queensland	7	4	12		9	5	9
ACT	7	3	1	3	14	9	7
South Australia	7	3	1	3	12	6	7
Western Australia	7	1	2	4	4	12	4
Northern Territory	7	2	0	5	7	18	4
Tasmania	7	0	1	6	3	23	1

National Winners

1974 NSW	1981 NSW
1975 WA	1982 Sth Qld
1976 NSW	1983 NSW
1977 NSW	1984 Sth Qld
1978 WA	1985 NSW
1979 NSW	1986 NSW
1980 NSW	1987 Victoria

Australia's International Record
(As at 1.9.1986)

1978 1st World Women's Invitational Tournament, Taiwan

v Austria	(1-0) Taipei
v USA	(1-1) Taipei
v Sweden	(0-1) Taipei
v Denmark	(0-0) Taichung
v Thailand	(5-0) Taichung

1979 New Zealand tour to Australia.

v New Zealand	(2-2) Sydney
v New Zealand	(0-1) Sydney
v New Zealand	(1-0) Brisbane

1980 Australia tour to New Zealand.

v New Zealand	(3-3) Auckland
v New Zealand	(1-1) Wellington
v New Zealand	(3-2) Christchurch

1981 Australia Provincial tour to New Zealand.

v Canterbury	(2-0) Christchurch
v Otago	(6-0) Wellington
v Waikato	(1-0) Hamilton
v New Zealand	(2-1) Auckland

1983 Australia tour to Hawaii, Aloha Cup, Honolulu.

v He Pua P'ani	(0-1)
v Royal Hawaii	(3-0)
v Leahi	(0-0)
v Hawaii	(1-0)
v Hawaii	(1-0)
v Hawaii	(3-2)

1st Oceania Cup, Noumea.

v New Zealand	(0-0)
v New Caledonia	(5-0)
v Fiji	(13-0)
v New Zealand	(2-3)

1984 Xian International Tournament, Xian, China.

v USA	(1-0)
v Tientsin	(3-1)
v Shaanxi	(3-2)
v Japan	(6-2)
v USA	(0-1)

3rd World Women's Invitational Tournament, Taipei.

v Japan	(2-2)
v USA	(2-1)
v West Germany	(0-0)
v New Zealand	(0-3)
v Mulan	(0-0)
v Liangyu	(0-1)
v Norway	(1-0)

1986 2nd Oceania Cup, Christchurch, New Zealand.

v New Zealand A	(1-0)
v Chinese Taipei	(0-1)
v New Zealand B	(2-1)
v Chinese Taipei	(1-4)

Games Played: 41
Won: 22
Drawn: 10
Lost: 9

The Schools' have . . .

A VERY BIG YEAR!

The culmination of the schools' year was the tour to Hong Kong, China and Macau by the Australian Schoolboys team in December.

It is a great credit to the Australian Schools Soccer Federation that they have arranged yearly tours, travelling to such countries as the United Kingdom and New Zealand, and to the boys who have had to raise the costs.

The squad comprised Jeff Allport, Mineo Bonetig, Paul Krstevski, Trevor Daley, John Danzo, David Scott, Zoran Naumovski, Glen Kearton (NSW), John Gibson, Craig Hoogendorn (ACT), Carl Veart, Nick Stamantalopolous, Peter Theodorakakas, Pat Hughes (SA), Andy Hobbs, Brenden Eastwell (Qld).

Coach: Andy Bettell (SA).

It has become obvious however that travel costs will have to be curtailed in future.

As a result billets are likely to be sought for the January 1989 UK visit.

Another very encouraging sign was the NSW All Schools tour to the United States and England.

Managed by Connell Byrne and coached by Greg Thomas, the team's tour began in San Diego, going on for three weeks in England and including a match against Everton youth.

In the squad were ten Combined High School players, five from the Catholic schools and three from the Independent system.

The Commonwealth Bank took a big part in sponsorship, which included the Australian Secondary Schools Championships in Perth.

The NSW boys and girls teams won their competitions. Zoran Naumovski captained NSW whilst David Scott (NSW) and Craig Hoogendoorn (ACT) were jointly awarded the Player of the Tournament title.

The final point score was: NSW 12, South Australia 10, Queensland 10, ACT 9, Western Australian 6, Victoria 5, Tasmania 2, Northern Territory 0.

In NSW the huge Commonwealth Bank Cup competition saw Cabramatta defeat West Wallsend 2-1 in the final. East Hills defeated Kirrawee 3-2 in the girls Shield final.

The Turner U15 All Schools Cup expanded into Southern Queensland and is certain to gain a very valuable new sponsor.

The victorious NSW boys and girls teams gather with officials and trophies after celebrating their success in the 1987 Australian Secondary Schools Championship in Perth.

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 18 TOUR

The Australian Youth team reached the semi-finals of the Dallas Cup during April in the United States, exiting due to a 5-0 loss to the highly rated Dallas Sting.

The players learnt a deal from the experience.

In the squad were: Bronwyn Calver, Laura Fisher, Katrina Alexander (ACT), Lisa Van Dorp, Karin Wilkinson, Katrina Barsby (Northern NSW), Sarah Cooper (Northern Territory), Gail Pace (South Australia), Yvonne Mitchell, Yolanda McCarthy (Tasmania), Denise Wright, Lee-Anne Hamilton (Victoria), Leanne Edmunson, Denie Pentecost (NSW), Samantha O'Brien, Kerrie Rowe (South Queensland); coach, Clive Mackillop (ACT); assistant coach, Shona Bass (Victoria); manager, Betty Hoar (Victoria).

1987 Australian National Team

World Womens Invitation Tournament, Taiwan, December 1987

Sue Monteath	(M-Qld)
Theresa Jones	(GK-Vic.).
Renaye Iserief	(S-NNSW)
Kerry Millman	(M-Qld)
Joanne Millman	(M-Qld)
Leanne Priestley	(S-Qld)
Michelle Sawyers	(D-Qld)
Sue Buswell	(D-NNSW)
Jill Latimer	(M-SA)
Moya Dodd	(M-SA)
Mariana Milanovic	(M-SA)
Julie Murray	(M-ACT)
Jane Oakley	(S-Vic.)
Janine McPhee	(D-Vic.)
Lyn Spencer	(D-Qld)
Amanda George	(D-NT)
Sharon Dewar	(M-NNSW)
Janelle Renshaw	(GK-NNSW)

Executive Director/Tour Leader: Heather Reid, Manager: Stephanie Quinn, Coach: Fred Robins, Physiotherapist: Bill Fenney.

NSW Women

PUTNEY, PAGEWOOD SHARE SPOILS

Putney Town were clear championships, but Pagewood turned the tables to win the NSW Women's Soccer League Cup.

The competition provided the best standard yet seen in women's Soccer at club level, due to the outstanding calibre of so many of the players.

With more players coming through the ranks than are evident in the rest of Australia, there is plenty of room for leading youngsters to come to the fore.

Apart from the host of associations throughout the state, over 200 high schools competed in the Commonwealth Bank Girls' Soccer Shield.

A hat-trick from East Hills High Schools' Melinda Bullivant enabled her team to defeat Kirrawee High 3-2 in a highly entertaining final at Marconi Stadium. Katrina Shoblan scored both goals for Kirrawee.

In addition NSW went on to win the first National Schoolgirls Championships, held in Perth.

First Grade

Putney Town	20	16	4	0	57	9	36
Pagewood	20	12	4	4	47	19	28
Blacktown	20	9	3	8	20	25	21
Parramatta	20	8	3	9	29	31	19
Manly	20	3	3	14	8	45	8
Epping	20	3	1	16	18	50	7

Reserve Grade

Putney Town	20	11	8	1	10	30	
Pagewood	20	9	6	5	31	19	24
Blacktown	20	9	3	7	38	27	21
Epping	20	8	5	7	33	27	21
Parramatta	20	7	4	9	32	26	18
Manly	20	2	2	16	14	74	6

Victoria

North Dandenong won both the League Championship and the Cup.

The League's topscorer Jane Oakley collected a hat-trick when they defeated former-holders Coburg 3-2 in a tremendous cup final.

Players fo the final were Jane Oakley for the winners, and Carolyn Monk for Coburg.

NSW AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION

The NSW Amateur Federation and its predecessors have a sixty year history of continued progress.

In 1987 the Federation's operations were reviewed by a sports management consultant to track the path to an even brighter future.

As State president John Hedison stated: "We know who we are, where we are going and how to get there . . . we will be seen as an independent, viable and progressive entity in our own right."

This year the Amateur will have their fully staffed state office, licensing agreements upgraded with suppliers, and will host three junior national championships.

And at last the long held dream of having one NSW state for amateurs and juniors has come to fruition.

Northern NSW branch is in the fold following the conclusion of a 20 year unfortunate accident of history, and movement of players is taking place within NSW which can only strengthen the code.

United Soccer in NSW is a must, and with the amateurs and juniors recognising the fact they have struck a huge blow for the code from the Tweed to the Murray.

Perhaps the time has arrived for all concerned to put more emphasis on association Premier League and All-Age Div 1 competitions.

So often the standard of play is high and extremely skilful and entertaining.

In coaching almost 1000 people handled the Level 1 course, with many others involved in, Level 2, 3, 4, Bridging, Fitness for Soccer and Sports injuries.

The NSW Academy of Soccer and Centres of Excellence are moving ahead, as is the Country Regional Scheme.

SYDNEY BRANCH

Some of the best youth Soccer played in Australia was on show in 1987, and results were:

Metropolitan Reps	**Champions**	**Runners up**
Under 11	Bankstown Assn	Granville Assn
Under 12	Southern Dists	St George Assn
Youth League		
Under 13	Marconi	Sydney Olympic
Under 14	APIA	Southern Dists
Under 15	Marconi	Sydney Olympic
Under 16	Croatia	Blacktown City

TOURNAMENTS

U13 Gucci Shield: From 25 nominations Marconi ran out winners by defeating Canterbury Marrickville 4-0.

U12 Centenary Cup: With interstate, country and city teams competing, the final went to Southern Districts with a 1-0 win over Sutherland.

Tri State Tournament: Winners: U13 Apia-Leichhardt, U14: Country Representatives, 15: Sydney Olympic, U16: Blacktown City.

U14, 16, 18 State Cups, Robertson and Amateur Cups U14: Canley Heights 1 Liverpool Albion 0. U16: Winston Hills 2 Greystanes 1. U18: Pendle Hills 5 West Pennant Hills 2. Robertson U21 Cup: Lilli Pilli 4 East Bankstown 0. Australloyd Amateur Cup: Menai Hawks 1 Epping YMCA 0.

NSW Champion of Champions U9: Winston Hills. U10: Mt Pritchard. U11: Apia. U12: Revesby Workers. U13: Campbelltown Gunners. U14: Greystanes. U15: Warilla Wanderers U16: Roselea. Women's U17: Springwood U17: Figtree U19: St George Olympic U21: Normanhurst. All Age Ladies: Panania RSL. All Age Mens: Hills Independent.

NSW State Championships U11: Northern NSW. U12: Northern NSW. U13: Marconi. U14: Apia. U15: Sydney Olympic. U16: Blacktown City.

Country Champions: U11: Northern NSW. U12: Northern NSW. U13: Western NSW. U14: Northern NSW. U15: Northern NSW. U16: Riverina.

Sydney Officials

The Sydney Branch of the NSW Amateurs is one of the biggest sporting bodies in Australia.

The 1988 officials are: President: Bill McIlveen, Senior vice-pres: Frank Wilson, Junior Vice-pres: Ralph Hunter, Secretary: Jim Forrest, Asst Secretary: Brian Grant, Treasurer: Jim Bryson, Competition Secretary: Bill Cullinan, Registrar: Frank Broughton, Publicity Officer: Naomi Golding, Life Member: Bill Cullinan.

BOARD ELECTED

ELECTION of the new Board of Directors took place at the Bates Drive Soccer Complex at Kareela.

Those elected were: President John Hedison, Snr Vice President Harrie Dening, Secretary Florence Stephenson, Assistant Secretary Jim Bryson, Competition Secretary Bill Cullinan, Registrar Frank Broughton, Financial Director George Churchward, Public Relations Director Lindsay Cosgrove, Tours and Promotion Wayne Connor, Marketing Jenny Russell, Insurance Lee Kol, Patrons Sir Arthur George, Mr John Stantine OAM, Mr Michael Cleary MP, Director of NSWSF John Hedison, Delegate to AJSC Harrie Dening.

1987 STATUS REPORT

Northern NSW Branch totals to be added

	U/6	U/7	U/8	U/9	U/10	U/11	U/12	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16	U/17	U/18	U/21	AA	Teams	Clubs	Players
Bankstown	37	40	30	28	30	25	23	27	21	18	14	14	4	7	98	416	26	5251
Blacktown	51	50	39	37	35	35	35	27	19	16	18	—	7	8	48	425	29	5214
Canterbury	—	29	20	23	24	25	23	20	15	12	8	—	—	—	109	308	31	4440
Gladesville	42	57	47	47	39	40	31	29	23	24	19	12	3	—	124	537	36	6527
Granville	24	32	40	46	45	44	40	39	27	28	18	15	12	16	27	453	25	6147
Illawarra	—	60	32	32	40	34	30	29	22	18	10	3	—	—	—	310	24	4039
Ku-ring-gai	—	125	102	74	60	41	30	17	13	17	17	—	—	—	105	601	41	6596
Manly	44	73	71	43	37	31	33	29	17	24	12	—	13	—	110	537	28	6379
Macarthur	42	44	37	27	26	28	16	17	15	10	1	5	—	—	36	304	19	3336
Nepean	64	70	45	55	44	39	37	32	20	15	14	—	6	—	71	512	35	6021
St. George	27	30	31	32	32	23	24	21	16	16	12	7	3	5	68	351	27	4746
Southern & Eastern	19	26	19	17	21	13	18	6	12	—	7	—	—	—	28	186	36	2212
Southern Districts	25	25	31	49	31	39	35	27	17	17	11	6	—	—	49	364	47	5033
Sutherland	53	70	75	51	53	44	39	38	31	26	21	10	22	24	150	707	25	8367
Griffith	—	9	5	5	5	5	4	6	4	2	—	2	—	—	5	52	7	617
Wagga Wagga	—	13	11	6	7	10	6	5	5	2	3	1	—	—	6	75	8	920
Albury-Wodonga	—	—	12	11	—	11	9	—	9	—	9	—	—	—	22	83	11	988
South-west Slopes	—	8	5	5	—	6	—	5	—	4	—	1	—	2	1	31	6	446
Mitchell	19	15	11	11	9	8	5	5	6	1	5	—	—	—	27	122	18	1545
Orange	12	11	12	7	9	11	9	6	4	2	2	—	—	—	11	96	12	1129
Dubbo	16	15	13	13	10	—	20	—	13	—	7	—	—	—	16	123	18	1349
Central West	10	17	9	11	11	9	8	—	6	4	6	1	—	—	5	97	11	1085
Western Plains	—	4	2	2	2	1	2	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	2	19	8	240
Highlands	—	6	8	2	4	6	2	5	2	2	2	—	—	—	12	51	10	566
Sth. Tablelands	—	16	12	9	6	9	5	5	5	—	—	5	—	—	13	85	12	941
Shoalhaven	13	25	18	14	13	11	8	9	7	—	8	—	—	—	22	145	16	1865
Eurobodalla	—	6	4	—	8	—	6	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	6	33	6	310
Far South Coast	—	5	4	4	5	—	5	—	5	—	4	—	—	—	6	38	5	434

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE FINAL TABLES

U13/1

APIA	26	19	4	3	70	15	42
Syd. Olympic	26	16	6	4	52	18	38
Canterbury	26	16	5	5	61	26	37
Marconi	26	16	3	7	70	24	35
Melita	26	15	5	6	54	25	35
St George	26	12	6	8	41	34	30
Gladesville	26	14	1	11	66	42	29
Blacktown City	24	12	5	7	42	30	29
Illawarra	24	10	1	13	40	47	21
Central Coast	25	6	7	12	36	38	19
Nepean	25	7	4	14	24	36	18
Southern Dists	25	5	3	17	22	61	13
Ku-ring-gai	25	2	3	20	18	74	7
Sydney City	26	1	1	24	10	136	3

U14/1

APIA	26	20	3	3	80	26	43
Blacktown	26	20	2	4	68	19	42
Southern Dists	26	16	5	5	54	33	37
Illawarra	26	13	5	8	58	27	31
Melita	26	14	3	9	47	29	31
Marconi	26	13	3	10	40	29	29
St George	26	13	2	11	43	26	28
Syd. Olympic	26	10	6	10	30	31	26
Nepean	26	9	7	10	34	33	25
Canterbury	25	9	4	12	32	45	22
Ku-ring-gai	25	9	3	13	31	31	21
Central Coast	26	5	4	17	20	62	14
Gladesville	26	3	4	19	17	72	10
Sydney City	26	1	1	24	13	94	3

U15/1

Syd. Olympic	26	20	2	4	91	27	42
Sydney City	26	18	6	2	55	18	42
Marconi	26	18	5	3	83	22	41
Melita	26	15	6	5	46	17	36
APIA	26	17	2	7	47	21	36
St George	26	9	13	4	35	29	31
Southern Dists	25	8	6	11	33	51	22
Blacktown City	24	8	4	12	31	35	20
Nepean	25	6	7	12	25	39	19
Illawarra	24	7	4	13	27	50	18
Ku-ring-gai	24	6	4	14	27	43	16
Central Coast	25	5	6	14	24	47	16
Canterbury	25	3	4	18	22	76	10
Gladesville	26	1	3	22	14	95	5

U16/1

Blacktown City	26	21	3	3	74	18	44
Marconi	26	20	3	3	67	23	43
APIA	26	17	4	5	46	17	38
St George	26	17	2	7	52	34	36
Syd. Olympic	26	14	6	6	65	25	34
Central Coast	25	9	7	9	37	37	25
Melita	25	9	6	10	36	36	24
Canterbury	25	9	5	11	27	42	23
Sydney City	26	9	3	14	30	62	21
Illawarra	24	5	7	12	19	28	17
Southern Dists	25	7	2	16	26	48	16
Ku-ring-gai	25	7	2	16	15	34	16
Gladesville	26	4	2	20	20	59	10
Nepean	25	3	3	19	17	68	9

Combined Point Score

DIV 1

APIA	104	73	13	18	243	79	159
Marconi	104	67	14	23	260	98	148
Syd. Oly	104	60	20	24	238	101	140
Blacktown C	100	61	13	26	215	102	135
Melita	103	53	20	30	183	107	126
St George	104	51	23	30	171	133	125
Canterbury	101	37	18	46	142	189	92
Sthern Dists	101	36	16	49	135	193	88
Illawarra	98	35	17	46	154	152	87
Central C	101	25	24	52	117	184	74
Nepean	101	25	21	55	100	176	71
Sydney City	104	29	11	64	108	310	69
Ku-ring-gai	99	24	12	63	91	182	60
Gladesville	104	22	10	72	117	268	54

U13/2

Canterbury	26	24	1	1	142	20	49
Croatia	25	17	5	3	77	23	39
Polonia	26	16	7	3	60	18	39
Nth Bankstown	26	15	8	3	57	23	38
Sutherland	26	17	3	6	62	22	37
Manly W'ringah	26	14	3	9	39	35	31
Blacktown	25	11	5	9	43	32	27
Macarthur	26	10	6	10	53	46	26
Bankstown	25	7	3	15	31	46	17
Avala	26	8	1	17	33	84	17
Uruguay Penrith	26	5	4	17	25	53	14
Rockdale	25	5	4	16	29	73	14
Campbelltown	26	3	3	20	19	88	9
SSC Yugal	26	1	1	24	12	119	3

U14/2

Croatia	26	25	0	1	119	5	50
Bankstown	26	18	4	4	57	21	40
Macarthur	26	17	5	4	62	23	39
Sutherland	26	19	1	6	41	14	39
Canterbury	26	14	4	8	43	36	32
Manly W'ringah	26	13	5	8	37	20	31
Uruguay Penrith	26	11	3	12	43	30	25
Polonia	25	10	2	13	33	47	22
Rockdale	25	8	0	17	26	49	16
Nth Bankstown	25	4	8	13	23	48	16
SSC Yugal	26	6	4	16	24	55	16
Blacktown	25	4	7	14	17	42	15
Avala	26	5	3	18	25	68	13
Campbelltown	26	1	4	21	13	105	6

U15/2

Blacktown	25	22	2	1	75	7	46
Croatia	25	20	3	2	83	15	43
Canterbury	26	18	5	3	63	18	41
Polonia	26	16	2	8	45	24	34
Avala	26	13	7	6	55	32	33
Manly Warringah	26	11	4	11	44	31	26
Uruguay Penrith	26	10	5	11	35	30	25
Nth Bankstown	26	11	1	14	27	45	23
Bankstown	25	7	5	13	35	48	19
Macarthur	26	7	4	15	24	54	18
Rockdale	25	7	3	15	40	46	17
Sutherland	26	5	5	15	26	49	17
Campbelltown	26	7	2	17	25	59	16
SSC Yugal	26	1	0	25	8	127	2

U16/2

Sutherland	26	20	5	1	93	9	45
Croatia	25	19	4	2	94	6	42
Macarthur	26	16	7	3	52	15	39
Nth Bankstown	25	14	5	6	52	23	33
Avala	26	13	6	7	59	26	32
Rockdale	25	13	5	7	55	35	31
Manly Warringah	26	12	6	8	35	27	30
Blacktown	25	10	6	9	50	35	26
Polonia	24	10	2	12	57	64	22
Uruguay Penrith	26	7	7	12	39	36	21
Canterbury	26	8	3	15	41	60	19
SSC Yugal	25	4	2	19	19	61	10
Campbelltown	26	2	0	24	18	114	4
Bankstown	25	1	0	24	8	161	2

Combined Point Score

DIV 2

Croatia	101	81	12	8	373	49	174
Canterbury	104	64	13	27	289	134	141
Sutherland	104	62	14	28	222	94	138
Macarthur	104	50	22	32	191	138	122
Manly	104	50	18	36	155	113	118
Polonia	101	52	13	36	195	153	117
Blacktown	100	47	20	33	185	116	114
Nth B'stown	102	44	22	36	159	139	110
Avala	104	39	17	48	172	219	95
Urug Pen	104	33	19	52	142	149	85
Rockdale	100	33	12	55	150	203	78
Bankstown	101	33	12	56	131	276	78
C'belltown	104	13	9	82	75	366	35
SSC Yugal	103	12	7	84	63	362	31

NSW Metropolitan Reps

U12

Bankstown	12	10	1	1	24	9	21
Granville	12	9	0	3	24	8	18
Illawarra	11	7	3	1	21	9	17
Nepean	12	6	3	3	23	14	15
Gladesville	12	5	4	3	20	14	14
Blacktown	12	6	3	3	15	11	15
Sutherland	12	5	3	4	14	12	13
St George	12	5	2	5	25	28	12
Sth Districts	10	4	2	4	9	8	10
Canterbury	11	3	3	5	15	19	9
Macarthur	12	3	1	8	16	24	7
Central Coast	12	1	4	7	10	25	6
Sthn & Eastern	12	2	0	10	12	29	4
Manly Warringah	12	0	3	9	4	22	3

U11

St George	12	9	2	1	34	6	20
Sth Districts	11	9	2	0	29	4	20
Granville	12	9	0	3	24	13	18
Sutherland	12	7	3	2	19	11	17
Bankstown	12	7	1	4	26	18	15
Macarthur	12	6	2	4	20	15	14
Gladesville	12	5	2	5	12	15	12
Central Coast	12	4	4	4	13	18	12
Sthn & Eastern	12	6	2	4	17	21	14
Nepean	12	2	5	5	11	26	9
Canterbury	11	2	3	6	8	26	7
Blacktown	12	2	2	8	6	46	6

NATIONAL JUNIORS IN NSW

The 1988 National Junior Championships have been set down for NSW, and will be played in different areas of the Sydney metropolis.

First comes the under 15s, to be played at near city Mackey Park, Tempe, in early July.

Bates Drive Kirrawee will be the host ground for U13, with U14 at Ernie Smith Park, Liverpool. Both these groups will be contested in the September/October school holidays.

At time of writing the National Junior Council had applied to conduct Australian U16 titles, as the Australian Soccer Federation would not be involved in the series for the year.

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OLYMPIC'S CUP RUNNETH OVER

YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

WITH ALISTAIR RUSSELL

The year of the Blues came in 1987 as for the first time in the club's history, Sydney Olympic produced a youth side unrivalled in this country.

Olympic swept all before them creating a tremendous record, dropping only one point in all matches — a year even more impressive than the AIS side enjoyed in 1986.

The Olympic 1987 squad was greatly strengthened due to the demise of Sydney City, as the majority of the best Slickers players made their way into Olympic's books.

Three players, Steve Refenes (the man responsible for setting up both winning goals in the Northern and National Grand Finals), Eric Hrist and Lou Triantaffilou were transferred to Sydney City in the off season. All three moved swiftly back to Olympic's ranks along with the Slickers' best.

David Barrett, arguably the best attacking defender in the League, Jeff Briggs, midfield maestro Tom Pontidas, Mick Lardis and Andy Harper bolstered the Greek side into a devastating unit.

Towards the latter stages of the season Soper and Saad made cameo appearances for the champions, giving the Olympic side more 'punch' up front and a bit of added magic in the engine room.

Of the remainder of the top five clubs in the Northern Division, St George promises so much all year, pushing Olympic till the finish yet the wheels fell off in the semi-finals.

Losing to APIA twice and scraping past Melita with a narrow win were not good enough to thrust the Saints into the Grand Final they looked assured of midway through the year.

The Saints, led through the scoring exploits of leading scorer Zoran Ilic, scored more goals than any side, taking particular toll on the State League sides by netting 14 against Canterbury and 13 against Warringah in two matches.

Robert Harmat, Paul Giezekamp and Lou Talevski, along with Ilic, proved to be the Dragons' best and most consistent performers.

Unfortunately when it counted Ilic was rarely seen in the semi-finals, although he was rewarded by playing in Frank Arok's senior side at the tail end of the year.

APIA became the dark horses of the year.

They accounted for St George but were dealt a cruel blow in the Grand Final, losing to an own goal in the dying minutes to Olympic and their challenge had come to an abrupt end.

Terry Greedy became the cornerstone of APIA's brilliant defensive record and the former Australian custodian saved his team on many occasions during the finals with maginificent saves. He converted twice from the penalty spot early in the year.

Tony Parison emerged as APIA's best player during the year — leading scorer and also rewarded by making first team appearances.

Tony Pisano took over when Parison was promoted and added a couple of vital goals in the semi-finals including the winner against St George in the last minute.

Melita completed a fine season as the State League's best performed side and capped off their year with a 3-0 semi-final win over Croatia, before bowing out 1-0 against the strong St George side.

Melita were well served by U16 internationals Paul Rago and Greg Dickinson as well as defender Carmine Coiro and Tony Versi.

Although the Eagles finished in the top five they never really came to grips with the powerful NSL outfits, but were a credit to their club to finish on such a high note.

Croatia were hopelessly inconsistent all year, dropping points to Manly, Canterbury and Sutherland after scoring 18 goals in their opening three games.

Tony Krslovic chased Ilic for the leading scorer all season and failed in the final round. Krslovic too was rewarded with a first team place.

Tony Kardum and Adrian Ciscato were the best performed of Croatia's team, who were outclassed in their sudden death semi-final against Melita 3-0.

Marconi became the only side from th NSL contingent to fail to make the semi-finals but on their way were involved in some intriguing results.

In the first round they were thrashed 6-2 by Croatia but reversed the result, winning 2-1 in the second round. The Leopards could only manage a point from their two games against Canterbury, yet they scored 13 against Warringah in the first round with Chris Ackerley netting eight goals.

BILL LONDOS (centre), Sydney Olympic's goalkeeper joins Abbas Saad and Steve Georgakis as they get to grips with the National Youth Cup. They beat Sunshine George Cross at the Parramatta Stadium. Photo — Modern Studios.

Marconi failed to make the finals like Croatia, due to a lack of consistency but in Freddie Ortega, Joe Russo and Chris Ackerley the Leopards have again produced some fine young players.

Of the rest of the field Sutherland and Manly turned out several creditable results but were always second best to the NSL sides.

It was in the end Olympic's year, winning the Championship in a canter and adding the Grand final and the National Championship play-off against Sunshine to their list of successes.

Most importantly the League has once again produced fine players, good enough to play in the NSL which is the prime reason for the competition being in existence.

Jason Bennett (9), Vic Bozanic (3), Vince Speranza (8) and Steve Georgakis do battle during the Sydney Olympic-Apia Youth League North Grand Final.

Final Standings Youth League 1987

Olympic	20	19	1	0	71	9	39
St George	20	14	3	3	79	20	31
Apia	20	12	5	3	49	12	29
Croatia	20	11	3	6	61	30	25
Melita	20	11	1	8	35	36	23
Marconi	20	10	2	8	46	29	22
Manly	20	7	2	11	26	55	16
Sutherland	20	5	5	10	40	36	15
Cant'bury	20	3	4	13	16	57	10
Uruguay	20	3	2	15	20	64	8
Warringah	20	1	0	19	5	100	2

Leading Scorers

27: Zoran Ilic (St George)
25: Tony Krslovic (Croatia)
14: Chris Ackerley (Marconi)
13: Jason Bennett (Olympic)
12: Tony Parison (APIA)
11: Joe Russo (Marconi)
10: Adrian Ciscato (Croatia)

JH Indoor

TORNADOES' THIRD TRIUMPH

Frank Coletta reviews the win that gave the Sydney Tornadoes the right to be called a truly great team.

THE James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League Grand Final was a gem.

The thoroughly professional Perth Cougars against the equally accomplished Sydney Tornadoes — it had all the ingredients of a cracker, and did not disappoint.

In the end it was the Sydneysiders keeping up a proud record of having won each and every JHNISL, because of their edge in experience more than anything else.

For captain-coach Steve Knight this win was a bigger triumph than many would imagine. At the tender age of 24 the last thing a brilliant 'Saloon Footballer' would need is the extra, burden of coaching the reigning champions — 'Knighty' had this task left in his lap after former coach Nick Nicolopoulos had to relinquish his post.

What's more Knight's game prospered and he led by example when the going got tough . . . and it often did against the likes of the Cougars and Gridline Eagles.

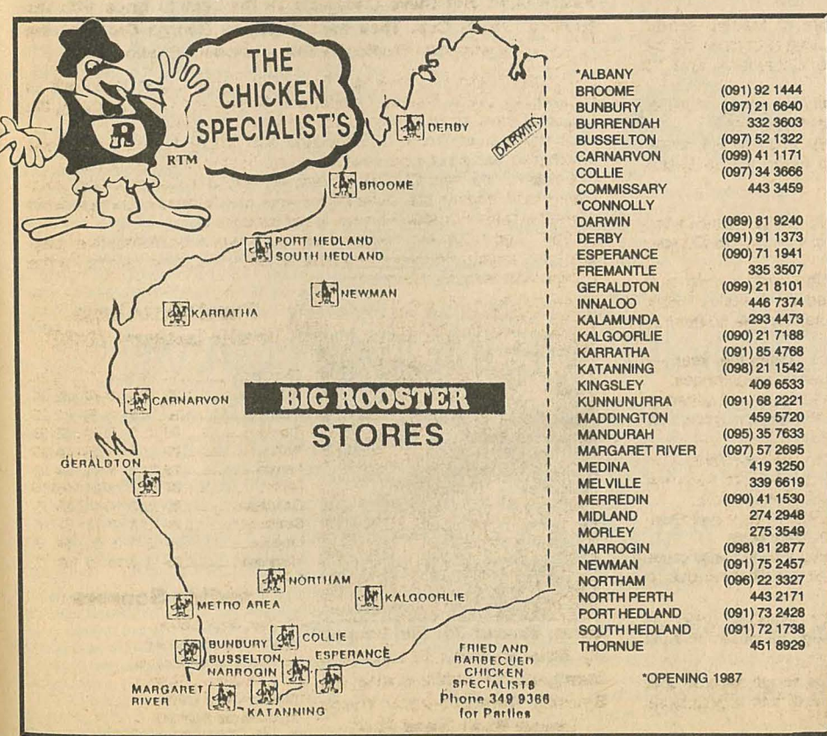
The James Hardie sponsored competition is indeed fortunate to possess the Sydney Tornadoes (backed by Toyota and Thermoskim) as their champions, both as Grand Final winners and minor premiers.

In the inaugural 1985 competition the Sydney Toyota Tornadoes set the trend by eventually overwhelming the Canberra Rockets 15-6 after the scores had been tied at 6-6. The following year the tension was unbearable once move as extra-time was needed to separate the Tornadoes and fierce rivals Canberra Strikers. In the end the Sydney champions won 11-8, and so to 1987 and December 20 at the Fairfield Leisure Centre.

Three out of three ain't bad!

Perth raced to a 2-0 lead in the first half and most believed if the Cougars could stay the opening clashes without conceding a goal, then they could be in with a very good chance of victory, not withstanding a lead of a couple of goals!

Despite the Cougars' unrelenting joy in the early part of the Grand Final, many had reckoned without the fighting spirit of the Tornadoes . . .



Sydney Tornadoes' GLEN JEFFERY taunts the Perth Cougars defence.

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U/16 Boys Berries (NSW) 2 Northcote (ACT) 0
U/17 Boys Box Hill (Vic) 3 McKay Nth Queensland 0
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Men Reunited (NSW) 3 Grasshoppers (Vic) 2

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U/19 Boys NSW 4 ACT 1
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BUFFALO Sports National Indoor Player of the Year — ROBBIE NOGGLER (Geelong CC's Cats) stands tantalisingly over the ball as fellow Australian squad member — CHARLIE AKKARY of Parramatta Spartans tries his best to nick possession.

Robbie Noggler is . . .

BEST OF THE BEST!

ROBBIE Noggler is one of the most exciting players in the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League. His goal-scoring feats border on the incredible, starting with the five goals he scored in mid-season against the then league leaders, Gridline Eagles, to save a game which Geelong CC's Cats appeared to have lost.

In Canberra playing the Rockets, the youngster banged in all seven goals for the Cats and still finished on the losing side.

And then he repeated his five goal tally against Lotto Allstars at the Corio Leisuretime Centre to bring off another remarkable draw.

Born in September 1969 in Geelong, he recently-just completed his Higher School Certificate at North Geelong High School and when I talked to him recently he was resplendent in dinner suit and dark red bow tie as he attended the Year Twelve Presentation Dinner.

A very articulate and self-possessed young man, he is set to make a career in Sports Medicine. He hopes to enrol at Ballarat College of Advanced Education to study physical education in a course which covers both applied science and sports administration.

After that, he looks to employment at the Australian Institute of Sport or a similar organisation to gain further skills in his chosen profession.

He began playing outdoor Soccer as a under-nine with Corio Soccer Club in Geelong under Rex Harris and after a short gap moved to Bell Park, where Jimmy Zadkovic was putting together a first class junior team.

It was while with Bell Park that he had his first taste of Indoor Soccer, when the Bell Park Strikers went to the Australian Indoor Championships in 1985 as representatives of Victoria and won the title.

Robbie was selected for the Australian team which toured Japan.

The following year he was scheduled to go to Argentina, though that tour did not take place, but in 1987 he was chosen to represent his country at Under-18, Under-20 and Open Age, the first player to be so honoured. He was a key member of the Geelong team which reached the final of the National Club Championships only to go down in a penalty shoot-out after extra time.

Meanwhile he made his debut for Corio senior Soccer team in 1986 and he was the leading scorer for his club in 1987 when Corio merged with Geelong United to form a combined team which played in the Third Division of the Victorian League. He was part of the North Geelong High School team which won the Victorian All-High Championships this year and was nominated for Victorian Junior Sports Personality of 1987 for his Indoor Soccer feats.

Robbie has ambitions to reach the highest standard of Soccer in Australia, indoor and outdoor. He had to turn down an invitation to go to Italy with his ex-coach, Tiziano Cavallari, over this northern winter and he now intends to finish his education before going overseas.

The biggest influences on his career have been his parents and his own deep and personal love for the game. He likes to experiment and develop his own style. He finds it deeply satisfying to play in a team in which players are all specialists, each able to perform a particular role.

Glen Hoddle has had an influence on him, not because of his individual talents, but primarily through his Soccer brain and ability to read the game and be aware of the whole range of tactical possibilities.

Robbie is equally aware of opportunities for improvisation, exemplified in the match against Lotto Allstars, where the Cats trailed by a goal with two minutes to play.

As Lotto took a routine throw-in back to keeper, Bruce Thurlow, Robbie intercepted the ball, chested it down, pivoted on the spot and shot cleanly past an astonshed keeper to save the game.

This magic moment brought silence for a second followed by unrestrained excitement as the crowd appreciated what had been performed.

Indoor Soccer needs that kind of brilliance if it is to attract and hold audiences now and in the future.

Robbie's ambition for the near future anyway, is to cement a spot in the Australian World Cup side.

Roy Hay

THE 1988 WORLD CUP!

Australia will host the second FIFUSA World Indoor Soccer Cup during the bicentennial year.

The inaugural World Cup in 1985 was won by Brazil 3-1 over host nation Spain. In third place was Paraguay followed by Czechoslovakia.

In that competition Australia finished in eighth position in the 16 team tournament. In the final match the Aussies obliterated Canada 6-1 to end it all on a veritable high note.

The 28-man train-on Ausralian squad is: Craig Carlisle, Steve Knight, Robbie Stuart, Erkin Osman, Erjan Osman and John Lembryk (Sydney Toyota Tornadoes), Chris Barbas, Zoran Atanasovski, Boris Atanasovski, Michael Roki and Vlado Strafela (Perth Cougars), Radovan Filpovic, Zoran Blazic, Mirko Radoesvijevic and Vince Nastoski (Gridline Eagles), Jim Kanaridis, Billy Willox and Billy Stewart (Canberra Strikers), Scott Gilligan and Bruce Thurlow (Lotto Allstars), Robbie Noggler and Lucky Inturrisi (Geelong CC's Cats), Stan Dukic and Emil Maracic (Canberra Rockets), Richie Barnard (Brisbane Bombers), John Metaxas (Thomastown Twisties Crushers) and Charlie Akkary (Parramatta Enduro Spartans).

— FRANK COLETTA

A Great Grand Final . . .

THE Perth Cougars were a revelation in their debut JHNISL season.

By virtue of a heart-stopping 6-4 win over Sydney's Gridline Eagles they went through to the National Grand Final. It was the second time in three weeks they had beaten the much vaunted Eagles outfit.

When Perth's playmaker Boris Atanasovski opened the scoring in the ninth minute all looked rosy for the Big Roosters from the West.

Big brother Boris had 22-year-old Zoran to thank as he dispossessed Tornadoes' captain-coach Steve Knight in midfield. He then laid on a measured pass that was slammed in.

A few minutes later Perth lightning quick on the counter struck again through Zoran Atanarovski.

Michael Roki served the final pass after a quick interchange with Boris Atanasovski and Zoran's strike had the Tornadoes looking like fallen heroes.

But the Sydney boys had been in this position before and recovered. In fact in both previous Grand Final successes they had fallen behind only to fight back and reverse a seemingly hopeless position.

This particular fightback began a couple of minutes before the interval when Robbie Stuart shot from long range and left Cougars' keeper Chris Barbas groping at thin air.

In a game of many turning points, this was one of the most important. If the Cougars had gone into the dressing rooms after the first 20 minutes 2-0 ahead it might have been a different story in the end, but they didn't and it wasn't.

In fact the Perth side should have had the comfort of a two-goal cushion because with a minute remaining Zoran Atanasovski was well placed to score but unusually for him missed the chance.

If the first half was exciting, the second was a purler.

The Tornadoes came out with all guns blazing and it wasn't long before they were on level terms. Erkin Osman, displaying the class that has made him one of the most revered players in Australia, evaded Roki and Zoran and let fly with a shot which took a wicked deflection off team-mate Glen Jeffery. It squeezed agonisingly in, away from Barbas who had already committed himself to the left and could only stick out a foot in desperation as the ball trickled in off the post.

The Cougars may have had some reason to feel hard done by but by now they had lost much of their momentum and were being forced to defend desperately for the main.

It was being played at a frenzied pace and it was proving a bit much for some of the players.

The likes of Roki and Zoran were spurning opportunities they would have relished in any other game.

The one that counted came after 29 minutes when he Cougars were caught out on the break. Glen Jeffery received the ball from Stuart on the halfway, turned Vlado Strafela beautifully and laid the pass on a plate for Erkin Osman to ram home unattended, 3-2 and Perth were struggling.

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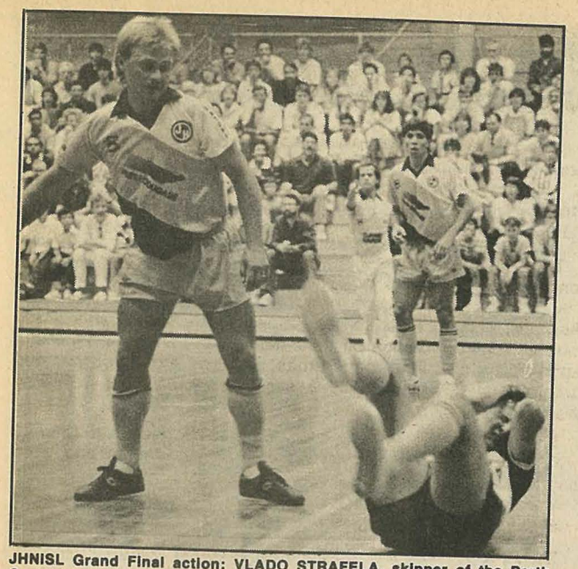


JHNISL Grand Final action: VLADO STRAFELA, skipper of the Perth Cougars, stands over his stricken opposite — STEVE KNIGHT of the Sydney Toyota Tornadoes. In the background MICHAEL ROKI looks on as referee TONY SLATER moves to caution Strafela.

The Cougars were starting to show signs of tiring and despite using their substitutes, the zest that had put them ahead earlier was missing. Worse was to follow as skipper and anchorman Strafela was sent off after fouling the rampant Osman near the touchline. Strafela had already been booked and the foul was serious enough to warrant the sending off by referee Tony Slater.

The rules in Indoor allow a replacement to come for a player who has been blue carded which stands for a sending off from the game but no suspension. A red card is expulsion from the game, suspension and no replacement allowed.

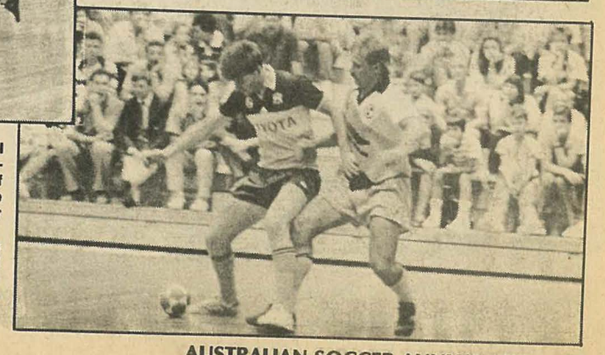
Although Strafela's place was filled by Mike Katinski his worth to his team wasn't and things were to get worse for Perth as Zoran Atanasovski stretched a bit too much in a desperate attempt to win the ball and tore a hamstring.

By now the Tornadoes were right on top and had the title in their keeping. Barbas certainly warranted selection in the 28-man World Cup squad as he denied both Jeffery and Stuart before the whistle and presentation of the trophy to the winning captain — Steve Knight.

SYDNEY TOYOTA TORNADOES: Carlisle, Stuart, Lembyrk, Knight, Jeffery. **Substitutes:** Erkin Osman, Erjan Osman and Cassar.
PERTH COUGARS: Barbas, Strafela, B. Atanasovski, Z. Atanasovski, Roki, **Substitues:** Kantor and Katinski.
Referee: Tony Slater (Qld) **Linesmen:** Tom Boyce (NSW), Ray McLuskey (Vic).
Played at Fairfield Leisure Centre.
Crowd: Full House.
Man of the Match: Erkin Osman (Tornadoes).
SYDNEY TOYOTA TORNADOES 3 (Robbie Stuart, Glen Jeffery and Erkin Osman) **PERTH COUGARS 2** (Boris Atanasovski and Zoran Atanasovski).

GOAL! Zoran Atanasovski has just scored for the Cougars. Roki (9) and Strafela do the congratulating.

THE GRAND FINAL action. RIGHT — Top: Sydney Tornadoes playmaker — ERKIN OSMAN has a blast at goal during the grand final. Centre: BORIS ATANASOVSKI (Cougars) confronts a determined ROBBIE STUART (Tornadoes). Bottom: Sydney's GLEN JEFFERY holds off Perth's VLADO STRAFELA.



ABOVE: MICHAEL ROKI gets his pass away despite the presence of Gridline Eagles' Vince Nastoski during their epic semi-final clash. LEFT: Geelong CC's Cats star ROBBIE NOGGLER accepts his Player of the Year award from Buffalo Sports' EANE WHITTON.

The Semi-Finals

PERTH COUGARS target-man MICHAEL ROKI holds off a desperate challenge from GRIDLINE EAGLES star RADOVAN FILIPOVIC during the semi-final at Fairfield's Leisure Centre. Perth won 6-4.

SYDNEY TOYOTA TORNADOES 7 (Glen Jeffery 3, Erkin Osman 2, Anthony Cassar and Robbie Stuart) LOTTO ALLSTARS 2 (Cosmo Del Giudice and Pat Stromquisz)

This was always going to be a tough uncompromising semi-final and so it proved.

The Tornadoes had much of the early running but were well below par in front of goal. In fact it was Lotto who had the first shot at goal and they who came closest early on, when Robbie Stuart hit the deck injured as John White dispossessed John Lembryk forcing a save from Craig Carlisle.

Young goalkeeper Stephen Umpleby was standing in for the suspended Bruce Thurlow and in turn covered himself in glory. Glen Jeffery was the player being frustrated most, but to his credit he kept going forward and it was not long before he reaped the rewards.

Jeffery put his side ahead with just three minutes remaining to half-time. A rehearsed move started with Lembryk and went through both Steve Knigth and Erkin Osman before Jeffery turned the ball in.

A minute later the Tornadoes were two up. Lembryk and Knight were again involved as Jeffery turned Lotto anchorman Rod Skellern inside out and rammed in his second.

If the first 20 minutes lacked some finesse, the second term more than made up for it.

Four minutes after the resumption Jeffery sealed his hat-trick and Lotto's fate when he turned in a rebound from a vicious Knight Volley.

Erkin Osman, who had a part in that goal, was becoming a prominent player in the semi-final and twice inside 30 seconds Umpleby was forced to save after long runs.

Certainly Jeffery had three goals, however he had never been better served in a match by his team-mates and could, with any luck, grabbed five or six more.

Cosmo Del Giudice gave the Allstars a glimmer of hope on the half hour when he scored from what seemed an impossible angle.

However the minor premiers were not daunted by the goal pulled back, as they added a couple themselves inside 30 seconds.

First Anthony Cassar and then Erkin made it 5-1.

By now the game had become a touch heated. Skellern and Lembryk were both booked and then Osman fell foul of Scott Gilligan, twice in five seconds.

Pat Stormquisz latched onto a Del Giudice throw and grabbed his side's other goal. But the Tornadoes were ruthlessly efficient as they answered that strike with two of their own.

Carlisle threw the ball to Cassar and his superb flick was hammered home by Erkin Osman. Immediately following Cassar was sent-off for dissent.

With two minutes to go the Tornadoes displayed real skill, as they took part the Lotto defence with a series of passes before Robbie Stuart scored.

Time enough for Del Giudice to strike the upright and the Sydney Toyota Tornadoes went through to their third consecutive Grand Final.

SYDNEY TOYOTA TORNADOES: Carlisle, Knight, Stuart, Lembryk, Jeffery. Substitutes — Ormord, Cassar, Erkin and Ergan Osman.

LOTTO STARS: Umpleby, Dolton, Skellern, Gilligan, White. Substitutes — Vince, Del Giudice, Peachy and Ross.

Referee: Mark Cotter (NSW) Linesmen: Tom Boyce (NSW), Geoff Mahiness (NSW).

PERTH Cougars caused the biggest upset of the finals, when they defeated long-time leaders and favourites Gridline Eagles, 6-4 in a thrilling 2nd v 3rd semi-final.

It was commonly accepted that if the Cougars held out the Eagles early, then their chances of victory would surely increase. They did better than expected, in fact, taking the lead after 10 minutes when Tim Kantor displayed brilliant ballskills and sent Zoran Atanasovski clear to open the scoring.

Curiously both sides began the match minus a most influential player. Perth were without captain Vlado Strafela and Gridline missed Zoran Blazic, the midfielder suffering from a torn groin muscle.

It was quite obvious early that Gridline world suffer most, as Kantor proved more than adequate as Radovan Filipovic's shadow.

Ironically Perth were the aggressors in the early stages of the semi-final and Eagles' goalkeeper Chris Hummel was kept busy.

Furthermore, Filipovic the oft-fouled Gridline star received the first yellow card of the match after sending Zoran Atanasovski tumbling to the floor in the fourth minute.

Young Milan Blagojevic and Perth's star target man Michael Roki were then involved in a heavy collison that left both writhing on the ground in pain.

It was non-stop end-to-end stuff and all level after 14 minutes when Filipovic put away a free-kick awarded against Kantor.

Marko Radosavljevic by this time was beginning to have a profound effect on the match and but for the intervention of Barbas and the post would have scored.

The Eagles poured on the pressure and went ahead five minutes after the half-time break when Filipovic pounced on a mistake by Michael Roki and left Barbas with no chance.

However Gridline weren't ready for the immediate strike by replacement Strafela, direct from the kick-off and into the top right corner to level the scores.

Three minutes on and Perth had gained the upper hand with Strafela dispossessing Filipovic and sending Zoran Atanasovski galloping away. His pass found brother Boris and the Westerners were ahead 3-2. Seconds later the scorer was booked and Roki redeemed himself with a goal that saw him turn two players and score despite a couple of fouls.

At the half hour Radosavljevic took off on a run from halfway and pulled the deficit back to a solitary goal. The blockbusting, attacker was rampant and brought the scores back to level terms with eight minutes left.

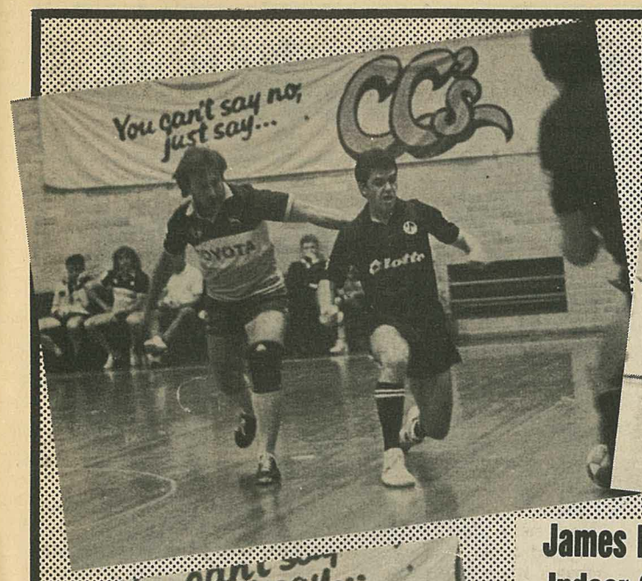
At the 37 minute mark, following several Barbas saves, Boris Atanasovski tackled Blagojevic and shrugged off his challenge to set up Zoran to give Perth a 5-4 lead.

With 49 seconds remaining and with the Cougars stranded, the unheard of happened — Filipovic fluffed a good chance in front of goal.

Gridline's last hope was dashed and Zoran Atanasovski put the issue beyond doubt with a mere 16 seconds before the final whistle, his angled drive giving the 6-4 scoreline.

PERTH COUGARS 6 (Zoran Atanasovski 3, Michael Roki, Vlado Strafela and Brois Atanasovski) GRIDLINE EAGLES 4 (Radovan Filipovic 2 and Mirko Radosavljevic 2).

Referee: Ray McLuskey (Vic) Linesmen: Tom Boyce (NSW) Tony Slater (Qld).



James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League

At Left . . . Top: John Lembryk (Sydney Tornadoes) arrives too late to prevent Lotto Allstars' John White (dark shirt) from getting a pass away at the Fairfield Leisure Centre.

Centre: White again, being denied by a couple of Canberra Rockets.

Bottom: Canberra Strikers' Billy Stewart passes in front of Tornadoes captain-coach Steve Knight.

At Right . . . Top: Mirko Radosavljevic (Gridline Eagles) charges past Anthony Cassar (Sydney Toyota Tornadoes).

Centre: Parramatta Enduro Spartans' Sasha Spirovski.

Bottom: Thomastown Twisties Crushers striker John Metaxas.

Photo's by Michael Sara and Carmelo Bazzano.

How they Finished

Buffalo Player of the Year

ROBBIE NOGGLER (Geelong CC's Cats)	38 pts
RADOVAN FILIPOVIC (Gridline Eagles)	36
MICHAEL ROKI (Perth Cougars)	25
STEVE KNIGHT (Sydney Toyota Tornadoes)	19
JIM KANARIDIS (Canberra Rockets)	18
BILLY STEWART (Canberra Rockets)	18
ZORAN BLAZIC (Gridline Eagles)	17
JOHN METAXAS (Thomastown Twisties Crs)	16
FORTUNATO CARVALHO (Thomastown Tw Crs)	15
BORIS ATANASOVSKI (Perth Cougars)	15
MIRKO RADOSAVLJEVIC (Gridline Eagles)	14
VLADO STRAFELA (Perth Cougars)	13
GLEN JEFFERY (Sydney Toyota Tornadoes)	13
ZORAN ATANASOVSKI (Perth Cougars)	12
STAN DUKIC (Canberra Rockets)	12
CHARLIE AKKARY (Parra Enduro Spartans)	12
ANTHONY CASSAR (Syd Toyota Tornadoes)	11
BRUCE THURLOW (Lotto Allstars)	10
SASO SPIROVSKI (Parra Enduro Spartans)	10
CRAIG CARLISLE (Syd Toyota Tornadoes)	9

Goalscorers . . .

THE TOP GUN TWENTY

RADOVAN FILIPOVIC (Gridline Eagles)	80
ROBBIE NOGGLER (Geelong CC's Cats)	52
ZORAN ATANASOVSKI (Perth Cougars)	48
JIM KANARIDIS (Canberra Strikers)	48
MICHAEL ROKI (Perth Cougars)	41
BILLY STEWART (Canberra Strikers)	34
GLEN JEFFERY (Syd Toyota Tornadoes)	32
JOHN METAXAS (T'stown Twisties Crs)	28
CHARLIE AKKARY (Parra Enduro Sptns)	28
SCOTT GILLIGAN (Lotto Allstars)	25
VINCE NASTOSKI (Gridline Eagles)	24
FORTUNATO CARVALHO (T'stown Tw Crs)	22
STEVE KNIGHT (Syd Toyota Tornadoes)	22
ZORAN BLAZIC (Gridline Eagles)	22
SASO SPIROVSKI (Parra Enduro Sptns)	22
MIRKO RADOSAVLJEVIC (Grid. Eagles)	21
ERKIN OSMAN (Syd Toyota Tornadoes)	20
EMIL MARACIC (Canberra Rockets)	20
STAN DUKIC (Canbera Rockets)	19
BORIS ATANASOVSKI (Perth Cougars)	19

The James Hardie Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
Sydney Tornadoes	22	19	0	3	148	60	+88	38
Gridline Eagles	22	18	2	2	170	82	+88	38
Perth Cougars	22	16	1	5	177	92	+85	33
Lotto Allstars	22	12	3	7	97	72	+25	27
Parramatta Spartans	22	13	0	9	125	120	+5	26
Thomastown Twisties	22	12	1	9	125	102	+23	25
Geelong CC's	22	9	4	9	100	99	+1	22
Canberra Rockets	22	10	1	11	101	112	-11	21
Canberra Strikers	22	7	2	13	160	139	+21	16
Illawarra Stingers	22	5	0	17	84	133	-49	10
Brisbane Bombers	22	3	0	19	66	177	-111	6

All table includes Bundaberg results

Arguably the best thing to happen to the 1987 James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League, was the brilliant play of Gridline Eagles playmaker — RADOVAN FILIPOVIC and that of Geelong CC's Cats ROBBIE NOGGLER (Inset).

The Hardie Winners!

- **Buffalo Player of the Year**
  Robbie Noggler (Geelong CC's Cats)
- **Sportsman of the Year**
  Robbie Stuart (Sydney Tornadoes)
- **Best New Player**
  Zoran Atanasovski (Perth Cougars)
- **Rookie of the Year**
  Jim Kanaridis (Canberra Strikers)
- **Coach of the Year**
  Peter Gajic (Gridline Eagles)
- **Manager of the Year**
  Bob Jenner (Parramatta Spartans)
- **Top Goalscorer**
  Radovan Filipovic (Gridline Eagles)
- **Best Goalkeeper**
  Craig Carlisle (Sydney Tornadoes)
- **Best Referee**
  Ray McCluskey (Melbourne)

The Final Results

Semi-Finals

Sydney Toyota Tornadoes 7 (Glen Jeffery 3, Erkin Osman 2, Anthony Cassar and Robbie Stuart) defeated LOTTO ALLSTARS 2 (Cosmo Del Giudice and Pat Stromquisz), PERTH COUGARS 6 (Zoran Atanasovski 3, Vlado Strafela, Boris Atanasovski and Michael Roki) defeated GRIDLINE EAGLES 4 (Radovan Filipovic and Mirko Radosavljevic 2 each).

Grand Final

SYDNEY TORNADOES 3 (Robbie Stuart, Glen Jeffery and Erkin Osman) defeated PERTH COUGARS 2 (Boris Atanasovski and Zoran Atanasovski).

JENNINGS FACES THE MUSIC

BY KEITH GILMOUR

After playing four games in just eight days early this season, national team defender Graham Jennings quickly learnt what the 1988 Australian Soccer season is all about.

Over the entire season he could be facing well over 40 fully competitive matches — as many as some overseas fulltime professionals.

And he is not much more than a part-timer, playing with leading West End NSL club Sydney Croatia and backing up with the Winfield Socceroos.

In an early season run, he began with a tough league game against Sydney Olympic.

The following Wednesday and Friday he saw action in the Socceroo team that met touring club Dinamo Zagreb, and then on the Sunday he was in the Croatia line-up against Sunshine George Cross.

How does he view the pressure?

"It can be very hard and tiring, but it's a job that has to be done," he answered. "You have to service both your country and your club and give 100 percent.

"For me this is the once in a lifetime chance to play in the Olympic Games.

"In one sense it serves a purpose to play so much early in the season, even though every game means there is more chance of receiving a knock.

"Normally we have a build-up against NSW State League teams in a pre-season cup, but this year it was straight into the fray.

"You just have to hope that your muscles don't stiffen and you lose flexibility."

Training arrangements are not without their difficulties for the Socceroo defender.

"After an international game I often can go easy early in the week and then train to play at the weekend.

"Our club coach Vedran Rozic has to operate with Graham Arnold, Wally Savor and myself regularly training in the national squad, and Alan Hunter and Anthony Franken and also Zarko Odzakov are in the train-on squad.

"Actually it's OK with me, but somehow the club has to function and achieve the results that we missed out on last year."

And for Graham Jennings and his partners the run of Olympic Games matches is there as a big incentive to sporting greatness.

Originally from famous Newcastle club Adamstown Rosebud, Jennings was spotted early in his career by Sydney Olympic, where he had an outstanding career.

He then joined Sydney Croatia, and by the manner in which he is bringing off so many clean tackles, and with the crispness of his passes and his quick runs up the flank, 1988 promises to be his best year in football to date.

GRAHAM JENNINGS (right) takes on Zvonimir Boban of Dinamo Zagreb during the Yugoslav team's recent tour of Australia.

YOUNG ROOS' WIDE NET

STAGING of the next World Youth Cup in Saudi Arabia from January 8 next has galvanised the Australian Soccer Federation and coach Les Scheinflug into swift action.

"Normally we would be working on a two year cycle, but the early staging of the competition means we have less than a year to finalise and prepare our squad," coach Scheinflug said.

All states will soon receive requests to make early preparations.

Scheinflug expects to check over the squads of N.S.W., Victoria and Queensland personally.

NSL and State League coaches and directors of coaching will be asked to recommend any players of quality who may miss selection for their states.

Most of those who will be vying for selection will be on view at the National Championships, to be held at Parklea from April 7/11.

The players have to be born after August 1, 1969.

Only one player from the 1987 squad in Chile qualifies by age for 1989.

He is John Markovski of Sunshine George Cross. Scheinflug said: "I expect John will improve further due to his continued exposure in the NSL.

"Normally I can count on fielding six or seven NSL players, but this year it seems that I will have very few.

"Exposure to top level football is a vital component in selecting a first class squad.

"This must be the biggest challenge I have ever faced.

Two players who meet the age requirements and are appearing in the NSL are Sydney Olympic's specialist left-back Steve Georgakis and impressive St George right-winger Zoran Ilic.

Others will no doubt emerge, just as they have in the past, but preparation time is short.

Qualification should take place following success in the Oceania Tournament.

This could be held in Fiji next September.

It is not known wheather Israel will participate. If they do not then Australia will have another battle royal against the New Zealanders.

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Queen's Birthday Interstate Clash

BY GREG RUSSELL

The annual interstate clash between Queensland and NSW will be played at Perry Park on Monday, June 13 — the Queen's Birthday holiday — after a compromise deal between the NSL and the State Federations.

The future of the match looked in severe jeopardy up until the recent ASF executive meeting when the Queensland Soccer Federation and th NSL were months apart in the dates they had proposed for the match.

BIG CLASH! Queensland's ALAN HUNTER confronts NSW's JOHN KOSMINA.

JIM McDONAGH

The QSF had wanted the game on Sunday, June 12 — a day on which the NSL had scheduled a full round of fixtures. The NSL in reply had suggested the match be played on Sunday, March 13 — when NSL fixtures were split to allow for the Socceroos' Olympic qualifier against New Zealand.

The QSF rejected the latter suggestion out of hand, claiming it would be near-impossible to promote a successful game if the NSW team came north without its internationals, and secondly the match would be played in direct opposition to SBS coverage of the Trans-Tasman clash.

"What kind of crowd would we have got to watch a NSW B team playing at the same time hwen Australia and New Zealand were on the television," QSF executive director Alan Vessey said.

With the NSW Federation equally committed to the interstate clash as the Queenslanders, there was considerable pressure at the ASF executive meeting to find a solution to ensure the now five-year-old revived series continued.

In the end, the June 13 date is more suitable to the QSF's aims, but is not without its problems.

While the match can proceed without competition and falls within the generally accepted football respresentative period which also encompasses interstate rugby league and rugby union fixtures, the game is only a day after a full round of NSL fixtures.

Queensland's Bruce Stowell and NSW's Alan Vest will have to hope none of their selections are injured over the weekend and could find themselves with some leg weary players come kick-off time Monday.

On Saturday, June 12, Brisbane Lions — who it would be expected will provide the majority of the Maroons team, have a tough away clash against Sydney Croatia. In Sydney on the same day, Apia Leichhardt and St George, who no doubt would provide players to Vest's squad, meet head-on while Sydney Olympic, who also would surely provide state players, have a testing tie against Brunswick Juventus.

And unless there is a rescheduling of fixtures, Vest may be unable to pick any players from Wollongong and Marconi, as the two clubs are presently down to play on Monday, June 13.

But Vessey remains optimistic the match will again be a success.

"The problems we are looking at are only minor, and when you look at it, things are the same for both sides. Talking to players, I know there is a tremendous pride in wearing their State shirt and I am sure they will all raise their game on the day," he said.

"With the Olympics on this year and the early start to the NSL, it was always going to be difficult to slot in the interstate fixture and I believe June 13 is the best date for all parties.

"The important thing is the series is continuing and the tradition of interstate football in Soccer is being maintained."

Last year, Queensland and NSW played a thrilling 1-1 draw at Perry Park. Although the Maroons team contained England captain Bryan Robson, NSW dominated the first 60 minutes.

But the introduction of Russell Stewart into the Queensland midfield swung the game Queensland's way. A clever through ball from Stewart enabled Queensland's overlapping fullback Frank Mengotti to equalise then at the death, Robson headed onto the crossbar and Queensland captain Frank Liddell skyed a desperate shot over the bar from just a metre out.

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